

**\*NEWS RELEASE \***  
**SALINAS MAN SENTENCED FOR  
ATTEMPTED MURDER OF HIS FATHER**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Steve Ferguson, age 46, resident of Salinas, was sentenced to nine years in state prison by Monterey Superior Court Judge Andrew Liu for committing the crimes of elder abuse, attempted murder, and assault with a deadly weapon. He was found guilty of these crimes by Judge Liu after a three day court trial.

On November 17, 2014 Ferguson made various threats against the victim, his then 69 year old father who he lived with at the time. Over a period of time, Ferguson held a knife to his father's throat, held a fire place poker to his chest, and struck his father over the head with a hatchet because his father would not take a challenge to fight him. Ferguson later disposed of the hatchet as he ran from the house after injuring his father. The 69 year old victim received outpatient treatment consisting of nine staples to his head and was released to the care of his other son that same evening.

The case was originally investigated by Salinas Police Officers Danny Garcia and Scott Sutton. District Attorney Investigator Jorge Gutierrez assisted in the investigation.