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SALINAS MAN TO RECEIVE 8 YEAR PRISON SENTENCE FOR STALKING, CAR THEFT, AND EVADING ARREST

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Salinas resident Jacob Szkodzinski, age 25, entered pleas of no contest to numerous felony charges including grand theft auto, evading arrest, and possessing stolen property. During January and February 2016, Szkodzinski led officers from multiple Peninsula agencies on several high speed chases while driving stolen vehicles. Szkodzinski would burglarize parked cars, taking credit cards and checks from parked vehicles throughout the Peninsula. He was later observed trying to use the stolen items at several retail stores.

Szkodzinski was arrested in one of the stolen vehicles and found to be in possession of stolen items and heroin. He was on probation at the time for stalking, vandalism, and car theft.

Szkodzinski will receive a sentence of 8 years in state prison. He is scheduled to be sentenced on May 12, 2016 before Monterey County Superior Court Judge Larry E. Hayes.

The case was investigated by Monterey Police Department Lieutenant Bill Clark and Pacific Grove Police Department Officer Brian Gorman as part of Peninsula Regional Violence and Narcotics Team.