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## **SALINAS MAN RECEIVES PRISON SENTENCE FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND POSSESSION OF ILLEGAL FIREARMS**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that on May 10, 2016, Salinas resident Antonio Rios, age 28, was sentenced on one count of domestic violence and two counts of illegal firearm possession.

On September 27, 2014, Rios battered and strangled his girlfriend. Police arrested Rios later at his home and located a shotgun and ammunition in his garage. Rios is a felon and prohibited from possessing firearms. He failed to come to court for sentencing and was subsequently found in a vehicle with another loaded firearm.

Rios was sentenced by Monterey County Superior Court Judge Larry E. Hayes to a prison term of 5 years and 8 months. He was given an aggravated sentence due to his failure to come to court and for committing new offenses while awaiting sentencing.

The case was investigated by Salinas Police Department Officers Jared Dominici and Jeffrey Arensdorf.