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SALINAS WOMAN CONVICTED OF POSSESSION OF PARAPHERNALIA

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Salinas resident, Michelle Bautista, age 55, was convicted by jury of possessing methamphetamine paraphernalia, a misdemeanor.

The incident occurred on August 14, 2015, at the Monterey County Superior Courthouse. Bautista came to court and went through the security screening line. A security guard called over a Deputy after viewing something unusual in Bautista's purse on the x-ray monitor. The Deputy immediately recognized the bulbous glass pipe in Bautista's purse to be a methamphetamine pipe. Bautista admitted the pipe was hers, but she had forgotten the pipe was in her purse.

The trial was presided over by Monterey Superior Court Judge Stephanie Hulsey. Bautista is scheduled to be sentenced on June 9, 2016 to Drug Rehabilitation Court.

The case was investigated by Monterey County Sheriff's Department Deputy Staley.