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**SALINAS WOMAN FOUND GUILTY
OF STEALING FROM SEARS**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that on June 21 Mayra Elias, age 28, was found guilty by jury of shoplifting from Sears in the Northridge Mall. The case was heard by Monterey County Superior Court Judge Stephanie E. Hulsey.

On April 22, 2015, Elias entered Sears with her six month old child, seventeen year old brother, and an unrelated adult male. Working together, Elias and the others took approximately \$601 worth of merchandise without paying. Elias used her baby's stroller to conceal and transport stolen items. At various times, Elias instructed her juvenile brother to push the loaded stroller as she and her accomplice continued to add additional merchandise.

Elias was sentenced by Judge Hulsey to three years of probation and ordered to stay away from the Northridge Sears. She will serve seventy-five days in the county jail.

The case was investigated by Detective Byron Gansen of the Salinas Police Department.

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