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## **SALINAS MAN RECEIVES PRISON TIME FOR STEALING CARS AND EVADING POLICE**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean Flippo announced that on August 11 Jimmy Lynn Shubin, age 37 of Salinas, was sentenced today by the Honorable Larry Hayes to 4 years 8 months in the California Department of Corrections for vehicle theft and evading a police officer. Shubin previously pled guilty to two counts of vehicle theft and two counts of evading the police.

On December 31, 2015, at approximately 1:13 a.m., CHP officers observed a Jeep Cherokee on Highway 101 near Ralph Rd. driving erratically. The Jeep slowed down to an unsafe speed given the traffic pattern on the highway, then slowly pulled to the shoulder and stopped. When CHP stopped behind the Jeep, the front passenger exited the vehicle and took off running. After the passenger exited, the Jeep accelerated to speeds in excess of 100 mph until it attempted to turn right onto Espinosa Rd. but collided with a concrete curb median causing its two left tires to blow out. The Jeep continued on two flat tires until it crashed into a fence and onto an agricultural field. During the investigation, the police determined the Jeep driven by Shubin was stolen two weeks earlier.

On May 17, 2016 at approximately 1:25 a.m., Shubin engaged the police in another pursuit when he was spotted in a stolen Chevy truck parked at the Continental Motel in Salinas. Before the police were able to contact him, Shubin accelerated away. During the chase, Shubin drove on N. Main St. through Laurel St. and finally to Natividad Rd. reaching speeds of up to 75 miles mph. The pursuit ended when Shubin collided with a fence and hit an electrical pole. Shubin ran and hid in the fields until the police K9 found him.

Vehicle theft is widespread in Monterey County. The District Attorney's Office-Economic Vehicle Theft Unit works in conjunction with the Monterey County Sheriff's Department Multi-Agency Detail for Commercial Auto Theft (MADCAT) in investigating and deterring vehicle theft throughout the County. Members of the public having information about possible vehicle theft are encouraged to report what they know to DA Investigator Maribel Torres-Hart at 831-883-7588 or District Attorney's Office Fraud Hotline at 831-755-3224, or CHP Detective Chuck Rodriguez at 831-755-3818 or MCSO Detective Arras Wilson at 831-755-7279.

These cases were investigated by CHP Officer Cavender, Salinas Police Officers Edward Estrada, Edwin Cruz, Scott Sutton, Richard Diaz and Manuel Lopez