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PAROLEE-AT-LARGE SEX OFFENDER SENTENCED TO 7 YEARS PRISON FOR REGISTRATION VIOLATION

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that transient sex offender Christopher Longoria, age 25, has been sentenced to 7 years state prison for failing to update his sex offender registration within 5 working days of his birthday. Longoria was previously convicted for assault with intent to commit rape. He was sentenced by Monterey County Superior Court Judge Carrie Panetta.

On May 5, 2016, Salinas Police Department officers contacted Longoria near Central Park in Salinas. They asked for Longoria's name and date of birth since he had no identification. Longoria provided false information. Officers subsequently discovered that Longoria had a knife with a 10-inch blade in his backpack and methamphetamine in his pocket.

After running his fingerprints, officers discovered Longoria's true name and the fact that Longoria was a wanted parolee and an out-of-compliance sex offender. Longoria had been released from CDCR custody on April 20, 2014 and reported to the parole office on April 21, 2014, at which time agents placed a GPS monitor on his ankle. He had previously been assessed as a high-risk sex offender. On April 22, 2014, he registered as a sex offender with the San Jose Police Department, his last registration event. On May 4, 2014, Longoria cut off his ankle monitor and absconded from parole. He was at large until Salinas Police officers contacted him two years later.

The case was investigated by Salinas Police Department Officer Tyler Provost, Detective Bryan McKinley and Community Service Officer Melanie Coffin.