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SALINAS MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO FIRST DEGREE ROBBERY

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Carlos Martin Osorio Valtierra, pled guilty to first degree robbery and assault with a deadly weapon, before Judge Julie Culver.

On June 2, 2016, the defendant negotiated a fare from Salinas to Gonzales with the victim, a taxi driver. During the ride, he asked the driver to pull over in Chualar. The defendant pepper sprayed the victim and demanded all his money. The victim struggled with the defendant, who then hit the victim with the blunt edge of a knife, and cut the defendant behind his ear, escaping with money from the car visor. The defendant was found and arrested later that evening.

The case was investigated by Deputy Anthony Wood of the Monterey County Sheriff's Office.

Valtierra will be sentenced in Department 5 on September 20, 2016. He faces seven years in prison.