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SALINAS MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO BATTERY ON A PEACE OFFICER AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that on August 23, 2016, Ernesto Manzano, age 30 of Salinas, pled guilty to battery on a peace officer, domestic violence and bringing drugs into the county jail. Manzano will be sentenced to 7 years and 4 months state prison.

On September 18, 2015, Manzano's girlfriend reported that Manzano, a known Sureno gang member, had taken her vehicle and had threatened to kill her. Officers were unable to locate Manzano on that date.

On September 20, 2015, a Salinas police officer was traveling in the area of De La Torre Boulevard in Salinas. The Officer located Manzano sitting in a vehicle. When Manzano realized an officer had seen him, Manzano reversed his vehicle and accelerated at a high rate of speed, ramming the front of the Officer's vehicle. Manzano exited his vehicle, fled on foot, and avoided arrest.

On November 5, 2015, Salinas police officers located Manzano at a house in Salinas and took him into custody. While being booked into the Monterey County Jail, Sheriff's deputies found .51 grams of methamphetamine hidden in Manzano's sock.

Monterey Superior Court Judge Julie R. Culver presided and will sentence Manzano on September 27, 2016.

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