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## **SALINAS MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR GAS STATION ASSAULT, THEFT**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Frank Joe Jensen, age 57 of Salinas, was sentenced to three years and eight months in state prison for felony assault and grand theft, which arose from his attacks on women at two separate Salinas gas stations last year.

On September 21, 2015, Jensen got into an argument with a woman outside of the Shell gas station on North Main Street. During the argument, Jensen removed a knife from the front pocket of his sweatshirt, pointed it at the woman, and told her he would cut her.

On September 24, 2015, Jensen entered an Arco gas station on North Main Street and attempted to steal a bottle of soda. When the clerk tried to stop him, Jensen swung the bottle of soda at her and left the store without paying.

Jensen pleaded guilty to assault by force likely to cause great bodily injury and grand theft from a person. He was on several grants of misdemeanor probation at the time of his offenses, and had served prior prison terms.