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## **SALINAS MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR ARMED ROBBERY, ARMED CARJACKING**

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District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Jacob Isaiah Salinas, age 18 of Salinas, was sentenced to seven years in state prison for robbery with personal use of a firearm and carjacking with personal use of a firearm, arising out of two separate incidents last year.

On October 23, 2015, a taxi driver was giving Salinas a ride when Salinas put a firearm to his head and demanded money from him. Salinas stole \$80 in cash from the cab driver and ran off on foot.

On October 24, 2015, which was Salinas's eighteenth birthday, he arranged to meet with a man who was selling a designer belt on the Internet. The victim and his brother met with Salinas at a gas station parking lot and showed him the belt. Salinas then pulled a handgun from his waistband, pointed it at the victims, and said "This is a stick-up." Salinas forced the victims to give him all of their belongings and then drove away in their vehicle.

Salinas was apprehended because he had set up the meeting with the second victim using his personal social media account, with his name, photograph and contact information.

The cases were investigated by Monterey County Sheriff's Office Deputy Benjamin Payton and Salinas Police Department Officer Luis Bravo.