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## **SALINAS MAN SENTENCED TO FOUR YEARS PRISON**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Carlos Martin Valtierra, aka Osorio, was sentenced by Judge Julie Culver to four years in state prison. The 33-year-old pled guilty on August 18, 2016 to robbery in the first degree with a knife and assault with a deadly weapon.

On June 2, 2016, the victim, a taxi driver, agreed to a \$50 fare to take the defendant from Salinas to Gonzales. During the drive, the defendant asked the victim to pull over so that he could go to the bathroom. The defendant exited the cab, but returned and demanded the victim's money. He threatened to kill the victim and tried to pepper spray him. The victim struggled with the defendant, who then hit the victim with the blunt edge of a knife, and then cut the victim behind his ear, fleeing with money from the car visor. The defendant was apprehended a short time later.

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