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SALINAS MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO RESISTING AN OFFICER WITH VIOLENCE

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Ricardo Medina Fernandez, age 31, has pled guilty to resisting an executive officer by means of violence, battery with injury on a peace officer, assault with force likely to cause great bodily injury and possession of methamphetamine. He will be sentenced by Judge Pamela L. Butler on October 26, 2016 to three years in state prison.

On June 4, 2016, Salinas police officers responded to a report of trespassing at a hotel in Old Town Salinas. Officers contacted Fernandez who was suspected of trespass. When questioned he became combative and refused to follow orders. As he attempted to get away an officer grabbed him, and as he was turning around to face the officer, he swung his arm which hit the officer in the mouth with his elbow causing injury. Other officers attempted to detain Fernandez who continued to challenge officers and resist arrest. Fernandez was detained and a search of his pockets revealed controlled substances including methamphetamine and a methamphetamine smoking pipe.

The case was investigated by Salinas Police Department Officers John Richardson, John McNeil and Mario Reyes.