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SALINAS WOMAN FOUND GUILTY OF RESISTING ARREST

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Elizabeth Amezcua, age 23, was found guilty by jury of resisting arrest. The case was heard by Monterey County Superior Court Judge Stephanie Hulsey.

On April 24, 2016, at approximately 10:45 p.m., Salinas police officers were on a directed patrol at Jaime's Bar on Salinas. They observed Amezcua in the midst of a physical altercation with an unknown female. Amezcua was visibly bleeding from numerous lacerations to her face. Officers, suspecting Amezcua was either a suspect or a victim of a violent crime, attempted to detain her to further investigate. Amezcua refused to cooperate, fled the scene, and engaged the officers in a foot pursuit. Units responded Code 3 from all over the city of Salinas, leaving many neighborhoods unprotected.

When she was ultimately cornered in a dead-end alley, the intoxicated Amezcua challenged an officer, again attempted to flee, and physically resisted the officer's attempts to arrest her.

Amezcua was sentenced by Judge Hulsey to three years of probation and will serve forty days on the work release program.

The case was investigated by Officer Zachary Dunagan of the Salinas Police Department.

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