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SALINAS MAN FOUND GUILTY OF ROBBERY

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced that today a jury found Micah Sullivan, age 29, guilty of felony robbery. Monterey County Superior Court Judge Andrew Liu presided at the trial.

On June 1, 2016 the victim was walking on North Main Street in Salinas. She saw Sullivan approach and pass her. Sullivan lunged out and grabbed the back of the victim's purse. Sullivan yanked it off her shoulder. The victim managed to keep one hand on the strap of her purse. Sullivan continued to try to pull the purse away from the victim. Eventually the victim let go of her purse out of fear. Sullivan then ran away with the purse. Several people driving on North Main Street saw what happened and called the police. One Good Samaritan followed Sullivan and retrieved the victim's purse from Sullivan. Sullivan was found by Salinas Police at a nearby gas station and admitted taking the purse.

Sullivan is scheduled to be sentenced on December 2, 2016. He faces a maximum of 5 years in state prison. The case was investigated by Salinas Police Department Officer Robert Hernandez.