

Q`

**\* NEWS RELEASE \***

**JURY CONVICTS SALINAS MAN OF POSSESSING,  
TRANSPORTING METHAMPHETAMINE FOR  
PURPOSES OF SALE**

---

**October 25, 2016  
IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
CONTACT: Matthew L'Heureux, Deputy District Attorney  
(831) 755-5267**

---

Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Salvador Leon Martinez, age 43 of Salinas, was found guilty by a jury of possession of methamphetamine for purposes of sale, transportation for sale of methamphetamine, possession of controlled substance paraphernalia and driving without a license.

On July 22, 2016, around 1:30 a.m., a Salinas police officer pulled over Martinez's vehicle in the area of East Alisal Street and Work Street in Salinas. The vehicle was displaying a 2017 registration sticker, although it had not been registered since 2015. Martinez admitted that he did not possess a valid driver's license or any form of government identification. When the officer searched Martinez's person, she located six individually-wrapped bindles of methamphetamine, a meth pipe, and \$748 in cash. When she searched his vehicle, she located multiple cell phones and a notebook containing several lists of names with dollar amounts next to them. A narcotics expert testified that the lists were pay-owe sheets used by drug dealers to record the amounts of money they are owed.

Martinez will be sentenced by Monterey Superior Court Judge Andrew G. Liu on December 2, 2016 and faces up to 4 years and 8 months in prison.

The case was investigated by Officers Guadalupe Gonzalez and Justin Heckman of the Salinas Police Department and Investigator Steve Guidi of the District Attorney's Office.