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## **SALINAS MAN RECEIVES PRISON SENTENCE FOR DRUG POSSESSION, FAILURE TO REGISTER AS SEX OFFENDER**

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District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Normando Marquez, age 52 of Salinas, was sentenced to four years in state prison for possession of methamphetamine and failure to register as a sex offender.

On January 5, 2015, a Salinas Police Department officer observed Marquez, who had an outstanding warrant, inside an abandoned building. Marquez ran from officers, but stopped when the officer threatened to taze him if he did not comply. Marquez had a glass smoking pipe and three bindles of methamphetamine on his person.

Marquez, who was on probation for another felony drug possession charge, was sentenced to 32 months in prison on the new offense, concurrent with four years in state prison on his probation violation. His sentence was doubled due to a prior "strike" offense, arising from his 1997 conviction for committing lewd and lascivious acts on a child. Marquez also pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor violation of failing to update his sex offender registration in a separate case.

Marquez's cases were investigated by Salinas Police Department Officer Jacqueline Bohn and Detective Stephen Craig.