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SALINAS MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR RESISTING AN OFFICER WITH VIOLENCE

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that on October 26, 2016, Ricardo Medina Fernandez, age 31, was sentenced to three years in state prison for resisting an officer by means of violence, committing battery with injury on an officer, committing assault with force likely to cause great bodily injury, and possession of methamphetamine.

On June 4, 2016 Salinas police officers responded to a report of trespassing at a hotel in Old Town Salinas. Fernandez, who was suspected of trespass, was contacted and questioned by an officer. During that time he became combative and refused to follow orders. As an officer grabbed him to prevent him from trying to escape, Fernandez turned around and swung his arm, hitting the officer in the mouth with his elbow and causing injury. Other officers attempted to detain him and he continued to challenge them 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.