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## **SALINAS MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO DECEMBER 2015 HIT AND RUN ACCIDENT**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Juan Pedro Rodriguez, age 25, pled guilty before Judge Julie Culver to felony hit and run causing death, misdemeanor vehicular manslaughter, and driving without a license. Rodriguez also pled to possessing contraband in the county jail. Rodriguez will be sentenced December 6 and will receive 6 years 2 months in prison.

On December 23, 2015, the defendant was driving on North Sanborn Road near Kilbreth Avenue in Salinas, when he struck the 10 year old victim. He did not stop and fled the scene. He later asked his family to report the car stolen. Later that night, Rodriguez was identified as the driver and arrested. The child victim was airlifted to Santa Clara Valley Medical Center, where he succumbed to his injuries three days later.

Rodriguez will also be sentenced on violations of probation on December 6.

The case was investigated by Detective Bryan McKinley of the Salinas Police Department and Investigator Erik Morris of the District Attorney's Office.