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SALINAS MAN PLEADS TO CHILD MOLEST CHARGES

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that on November 2, 2016 Luis Miguel Nunes Gaeta, age 30, entered guilty pleas to charges of child molestation upon the daughter of his girlfriend. Gaeta lived in Salinas for a number of years.

On July 15, 2016, the molestations were reported by the victim and her mother to the Salinas Police Department. The victim was 14 years old at the time she and her mother reported her molestation that began when she was 12 years old. It occurred over a period of approximately 2 years in 2 different family residences in the city of Salinas.

Judge Pamela L. Butler took the defendant's pleas to 9 felony counts of child molestation that involved forced intercourse, digital penetration, and other touching. Gaeta faces a state prison commitment of 24 years.

Sentencing is set for December 16, 2016, at 8:45 a.m. before Judge Butler in Department 3 of the Monterey Superior Court.

This case was investigated by Salinas Police Department Detective Gabriel Gonzalez, and Officers Robert Balaoro, and Raul Rosales. District Attorney Investigator Jorge Ramirez also participated in the investigation.