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## **CASTROVILLE MAN RECEIVES PRISON SENTENCE FOR CARRYING ILLEGAL FIREARM**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Adrian Jacome, age 22 of Castroville, was sentenced to 32 months in state prison for carrying a concealed firearm in a vehicle that was loaded and not registered to him.

On November 22, 2015, Salinas police officers responded to a report of three people drinking alcohol in a vehicle in McKinnon Park. They contacted Jacome who was the driver, and two other males, all whom had been drinking alcohol and smoking marijuana. When officers asked if there were any weapons in the car Jacome behaved evasively and did not immediately obey their orders to exit the car to be searched. When he eventually exited the vehicle, a loaded .25-caliber handgun fell out of his waistband and onto the concrete, in full view of the officers. The handgun was not registered to Jacome, who was prohibited by law from owning or possessing firearms.

Monterey County Superior Court Judge Carrie M. Panetta sentenced Jacome to 16 months in custody, which was doubled to 32 months because of a prior juvenile conviction under the Three Strikes Law. Judge Panetta denied Jacome's motion to dismiss the prior strike offense, finding that it was not an extraordinary case that would fall outside the scope of the Three Strikes Law.

The case was investigated by Salinas Police Department Officers Oscar Dysasco and Jason Gates.