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SALINAS MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR POSSESSING A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE FOR SALE AND VIOLATING PROBATION

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that on November 30, 2016, Orlando Martinez Figueroa, age 29, a resident of Salinas, was sentenced by Monterey Superior Court Judge Pamela L. Butler to four years and four months in state prison for possessing a controlled substance for sale and for violating the terms of his formal probation.

In 2015, Figueroa pled guilty to evading an officer and carrying a concealed and stolen firearm. He was given a grant of formal probation, but the judge suspended a three-year and eight-month prison term, which would be executed if Figueroa violated his probation.

On October 7, 2016, Officer Miller from the Salinas Police Department observed Figueroa driving a vehicle with a broken brake light. The officer activated his lights and sirens in order to conduct a traffic stop. Officer Miller then saw the vehicle swerve and saw plastic bags being thrown out of the passenger side window. Officers searched the area where the items were thrown out of the vehicle, and located a total of 14.2 grams of methamphetamine packaged in six separate bags, and one bag containing .8 grams of heroin. Figueroa admitted to violating his probation and pled guilty to possession of methamphetamine for sale.

Figueroa was sentenced to serve an eight-month prison term for possessing methamphetamine for sale in addition to the previously suspended three-year and eight-month prison term from his prior case, for a total of four years and four months in state prison.

The case was investigated by officers from the Salinas Police Department and Deputy Owen from the Monterey County Sheriff's Office.