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## **MADERA COUNTY MAN FOUND GUILTY BY JURY OF REPEATEDLY VIOLATING A PROTECTIVE ORDER**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that on December 5, 2016, Richard Franco Rivas, age 51, was found guilty by jury of six counts of violating a protective order within the City of Monterey. The case was heard by Monterey County Superior Court Judge Stephanie Hulsey.

Rivas and the victim were separated in June of 2015. After several repeated harassing contacts, the victim obtained a protective order in August which prohibited Rivas from having any contact with the victim and her family, either directly or indirectly, for the period of 2 years. From January 2016 thru March 2016, Rivas made a series of threatening phone calls to the victim's father in an attempt to have the messages relayed to the victim. The victim then reported these contacts to the Monterey Police Department. Rivas was charged with six counts of violating a protective order.

Rivas was sentenced by Judge Hulsey to three years of probation and will serve 180 days in the county jail.

The case was investigated by Officer Bryce Morgan and Officer Kevin Seaver of the Monterey Police Department.

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