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SALINAS MAN TO RECEIVE 4 YEAR PRISON SENTENCE FOR BURGLARY

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that on December 7, 2016, Francisco Avila, age 33, entered a plea of no contest to second degree burglary. Avila also admitted having a prior strike conviction for assault with intent to commit a sexual offense.

On April 3, 2016, Avila was observed by an officer from the Salinas Police Department exiting a business with the alarm going off. Avila was carrying a basket full of items from the store. The total value of the items was \$620. When Avila saw the officer, he took off running. Avila had no money and admitted that he had come to the store in order to steal in the hopes of selling the stolen goods.

Avila will receive a sentence of 4 years in state prison. He is scheduled to be sentenced on January 20, 2017 before Monterey County Superior Court Judge Andrew Liu.