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SALINAS MAN SENTENCED TO TWO YEARS IN PRISON FOR ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Jose Celaya, age 42, was sentenced to two years in state prison for assault with a deadly weapon.

On October 22, 2016, Celaya entered the ARCO gas station on N. Main Street in Salinas. Celaya had previously been told not to come back to the business because he had caused problems there. Again, the cashier told Celaya he needed to leave. Celaya became angry, threw items around the business and threatened to come back and hurt the cashier. Celaya then left but returned a short while later with a sharpened piece of metal. Witnesses saw Celaya sharpening the metal piece outside and try to stab the cashier with it.

Celaya was sentenced by Monterey County Superior Court Judge Andrew Liu.