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## **33-YEAR-OLD SALINAS MAN CONVICTED OF POSSESSING A CONCEALED FIREARM AND LOADED FIREARM IN A VEHICLE**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Marco Antonio Ortiz Delgado, 33, of Salinas was convicted after a two day jury trial before Judge Stephanie E. Hulsey of one count of possession of a concealed firearm in a vehicle and one count of possession of a loaded firearm in a vehicle.

On April 8, 2016, a Salinas Police Department officer observed Delgado driving his BMW 528i with an expired registration tab from August 2015. When Officer Richardson asked Delgado if he had any weapons, specifically guns or knives, Delgado lied and said, "No."

During a consent search of the vehicle the Officer Richardson located a fully-loaded, .45 caliber Springfield Arms 1911 model semi-automatic handgun. Another fully-loaded magazine was located inside the center console.

Delgado indicated he bought the firearm for \$1,000 cash from a stranger who approached him in a Salinas Home Depot parking lot. He never attempted to get the firearm registered through a licensed dealer or get a concealed carry permit.

The case was investigated by Officers John Richardson and Daniel Garcia of the Salinas Police Department. Delgado will be sentenced by Judge Stephanie E. Hulsey on December 27, 2016 and faces up to one year in the county jail.