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## **SALINAS WOMAN CONVICTED OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND CHILD ENDANGERMENT**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that on December 22, Salinas resident Dina Mejia, age 18, was convicted by a jury of domestic violence causing injury and child endangerment.

The domestic violence incident occurred in March 2016 while the victim drove Mejia home. Mejia struck the victim in the face causing redness and swelling, and strangled the victim who almost lost control of the car on three separate occasions. The couple's 1-year-old daughter was in the vehicle at the time.

Mejia is scheduled to be sentenced on January 10, 2017 before Monterey County Superior Court Judge Larry E. Hayes.

The case was investigated by Salinas Police Department Officer Robert Hernandez.