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## **JURY FINDS SALINAS WOMAN GUILTY OF THEFT**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Ashley Tripp, age 26, a resident of Salinas, was found guilty by a jury of two counts of theft.

On June 19, 2016, the victim was shopping with her family at Macy's when she placed her shopping bag containing recently purchased items down on the floor. When the victim momentarily took her eyes off her shopping bag, Tripp took the bag and exited the store.

Several days later, on June 27, 2016, the victim received a notification that the stolen items had been returned for cash. Monterey Police learned that Tripp made the returns. In a statement to police, Tripp admitted taking the items and making the cash return without trying to find the rightful owner.

Monterey County Superior Court Judge Efren Iglesias presided over the trial and sentenced Tripp to one day in Monterey County Jail and three years of informal probation.

Monterey Police Officer Bryce Morgan investigated this case.

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