

***NEWS RELEASE ***
**SALINAS MAN FOUND GUILTY OF
MANSLAUGHTER AND INTIMIDATING
A WITNESS**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that on March 10, 2017, Davion Smith, age 44 of Salinas, was found guilty by a jury of manslaughter and intimidating a witness. The jury also found Smith suffered a prior strike allegation and a prior prison term. The manslaughter and intimidating witness convictions are also strike offenses making Smith eligible for the Three Strikes sentencing scheme should he sustain a future strike offense. Sentencing is set for April 28, 2017 before Judge Pamela Butler. He faces a maximum of nineteen years in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

On August 25, 2015 Smith punched then 26-year-old victim Tyler Webb, causing him to fall to the cement street hitting his head. Mr. Webb suffered a skull fracture and due to brain damage, his family took him off life support the next day. The incident occurred in the Chinatown area of Salinas. Smith, after his release from jail on his initial bond, intimidated a witness from cooperating with law enforcement.

The investigation was conducted by Salinas Police Detective Cameron Murphy. District Attorney Investigator John Coletti assisted in the investigation. Deputy District Attorney Scott Donahue prosecuted the case.