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SALINAS MAN RECIEVES 5 YEAR PRISON SENTENCE FOR EVADING POLICE OFFICERS

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Christian Ivan Rivera, age 35 of Salinas, was sentenced to 5 years in prison following pleading guilty to two counts of recklessly evading a peace officer. Rivera also admitted a prior strike conviction for robbery.

On December 21, 2015 Salinas Police officers attempted to conduct a traffic stop on the vehicle Rivera was driving. Rivera initially pulled over to the side of the road, but as the officer was obtaining more information from Rivera, he turned on his vehicle and began to drive away. Rivera drove at speeds of 70- 80 mph through residential neighborhoods in Salinas, and struck a vehicle during the pursuit.

On November 13, 2016 Salinas Police officers attempted to conduct a traffic stop on Rivera's vehicle again. Rivera initially pulled over to the side of the road but once the officers got out of the vehicle he began to drive away. During this pursuit Rivera reached speeds of 70 mph in residential neighborhoods in Salinas.

Monterey County Superior Court Judge Julie R. Culver sentenced Rivera on March 14, 2017 to 5 years in the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

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