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SALINAS MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR POSSESSION OF A CONCEALED FIREARM IN A VEHICLE, POSSESSION OF A TEC-9 ASSAULT RIFLE AND POSSESSION OF DRUGS

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that on March 14, 2017, Christopher Peter Moreno, age 21, was sentenced to a total term of two years and eight months in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation by Monterey Superior Court Judge Carrie M. Panetta.

On February 14, 2017, Moreno entered pleas of no contest to a felony count of unlawful possession of a concealed firearm in a vehicle, a felony count of possession of an assault rifle, and a misdemeanor count of possession of methamphetamines.

On October 27, 2016, a Marina Police officer conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle Moreno was driving. The officer searched the vehicle and located a Tec-9 semi-automatic assault rifle underneath the mat on the passenger side floorboard. The gun was loaded with 29 rounds of ammunition.

Once again on January 30, 2017, officers from the Salinas Police Department's Violence Suppression Unit conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle Moreno was driving. Officers searched the vehicle and located a Smith and Wesson .357 Magnum hidden at the bottom of the center console in the vehicle. Moreno was arrested and taken to the Monterey County Jail. At the jail, officers located methamphetamine hidden on Moreno's person.

The case was investigated by Marina Police Officer Edward Bachtel, and Salinas Police Department's Violence Suppression Unit Officers Justin Salinas and Zachary Dunagan.