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SOLEDAD TEACHER ENTERED PLEA OF NO CONTEST TO HAVING SEX WITH STUDENT

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that on March 21, Alexander Luna Salazar, a teacher employed at Soledad High School during the 2015-2016 school year, entered pleas of no contest to two felony charges of unlawful intercourse with a minor and contacting a minor with the intent to commit a sexual offense.

In April, 2016, Salazar, age 31, a resident of Greenfield, contacted a seventeen year old female student for the purpose of committing a sexual offense and on April 30, 2016, brought the same student to his home in Greenfield, California where he had unlawful sexual intercourse with the seventeen year old.

The Soledad Unified School District learned of the teacher's relationship with the student and contacted the Soledad Police Department who assisted the Greenfield Police Department with the investigation.

The District Attorney's Digital Evidence Forensic Investigator Natalie Dill, uncovered text messages from the victim's phone that corroborated the relationship between Salazar and the student.

Judge Julie R. Culver will render sentence on May 2, 2017, when the defendant will be placed on a grant of felony probation, be ordered to register as a sex offender for the rest of his life and will serve up to 365 days in the county jail.