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## **GETAWAY DRIVER OF EAST SALINAS RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY GETS 18 YEARS IN PRISON**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Jose Santana, age 25, a resident of Salinas, was sentenced following conviction for first degree residential burglary at a January 2017 jury trial before Judge Robert Burlison

On September 13, 2016, a neighbor called 911 to report a burglary in progress in East Salinas. The reporting party, who was scared about providing information, described a white SUV dropping off two subjects. The caller observed the two men walking towards his neighbor's home then heard knocking followed by a door being kicked in. The reporting party described a suspicious driving pattern by the SUV.

Officers arrived within 4 minutes of the dispatch and contacted Santana seated in the driver seat of the white SUV parked about 40 feet from the burglarized residence. Santana had a police scanner monitoring police radio traffic. The vehicle Santana was driving had its license plates concealed by paper plates. When asked where his friends were, Santana claimed he didn't have any friends with him. The two men who entered the home escaped apprehension.

Santana received the maximum of 18 years in state prison due to a prior strike under California's Three Strikes Law. Santana's prior strike was for the identical crime, residential burglary, committed in 2011. Santana received additional time for a prior term served in prison for a conviction for being a felon in possession of a firearm which he committed after being released from prison for his first residential burglary.

The case was investigated by Officers Froylan Aranda, Masahiro Yoneda and Jaqueline Bohn of the Salinas Police Department.