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## **SALINAS MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Salinas resident Andy Clifford Salazar, age 40, was sentenced by Monterey County Superior Court Judge Robert A. Burlison to four years in state prison for domestic violence.

On November 13, 2016, at approximately 6:27pm, Salazar woke his wife of seven years to inform her the Cowboys won a football game, and insisted she join him to watch the celebrations on their television. Doe reluctantly agreed and went with him to the living room. When Doe attempted to lower the volume, Salazar, who had been consuming alcohol since 10:00 am, became enraged. Salazar pushed Doe, causing her to lose her balance and fall into the couch. When Doe's fourteen year old daughter heard the fighting and entered the room, Salazar pushed her repeatedly until she fell backwards and hit her head on a heater.

Doe then shoved Salazar away in an effort to protect her daughter. In response, Salazar began to beat Doe on the head with a remote control. Doe's daughter then began hitting Salazar in the stomach, to force Salazar to stop assaulting her mother. Salazar then punched the child in the stomach, which caused her to lose her breath for three to five seconds. In the midst of this attack, the fourteen year old was able to call 911. When Salazar realized law enforcement was on the way, he fled the residence.

Salazar was sentenced by Judge Burlison to two years in state prison for the domestic violence conviction. This term was doubled, for a total of four years, as a result of Salazar's prior "strike" conviction. In addition to the prison commitment, Judge Burlison issued a criminal protective order, which prevents Salazar from contacting Jane Doe for a period of ten years.

The case was investigated by Salinas Police Officer Froylan Aranda.