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SALINAS FELON TO RECEIVE 4 YEAR PRISON SENTENCE FOR POSSESSION OF FIREARM

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Salinas resident Roger Brewer, age 38, entered a plea of no contest to possessing a firearm as a felon. Brewer also admitted having a prior strike conviction. Brewer was previously convicted of carjacking and robbery in Santa Cruz County in 2002. Brewer was also previously convicted of attempted robbery in Monterey County in 1997. Each conviction constituted one strike under the Three Strikes Law. These convictions also prohibit Brewer from possessing firearms.

On December 29, 2016 an elderly couple observed Brewer jump the fence into their backyard. Brewer ran around their house and was seen with a firearm in his hand. The couple called the police and reported that Brewer got into the backseat of a dark vehicle. A Salinas Police Department patrol officer happened to be on the same street and also observed Brewer enter the backseat of a dark vehicle. The officer conducted a traffic stop, found Brewer sitting in the backseat, and located a firearm in the backseat area of the vehicle.

Brewer will receive a sentence of 4 years in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. He is scheduled to be sentenced on May 19, 2017 by Monterey County Superior Court Judge Andrew Liu.