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60 YEAR OLD SALINAS MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO FORCIBLE CHILD MOLESTATION

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Juan Mateo Salvador-Rivera, age 60, pled guilty to one count of forcible child molest and one count of non-forcible child molest.

The victim, Jane Doe, reported that Salvador-Rivera, her aunt's husband, sexually molested her when he was babysitting her and no one else was home. Salvador-Rivera sexually molested Jane Doe four to five times over a three year period from when she was 7 years old to 9 years old. During one of the sexual assaults, Jane Doe tried to pull away from Salvador-Rivera, but Salvador-Rivera forcefully pulled Jane Doe closer to him with both of his arms. Salvador-Rivera told Jane Doe not to tell anyone about the sexual molestation and that it was just a game. Jane Doe felt scared and did not disclose the sexual assaults until she was 10 years old. At first, Salvador-Rivera denied sexually assaulting Jane Doe. However, he eventually admitted to Detective Gabriel Gonzalez that he sexually molested Jane Doe multiple times.

Both charges he pled to are considered "strikes" under California's Three Strikes law and are also violent felonies so Salvador-Rivera will have to serve 85% of his sentence before being released. Salvador-Rivera will have to register for the rest of his life as a sexual offender.

Salvador-Rivera will be sentenced by Judge Julie R. Culver on June 8, 2017 to either eight, ten, or twelve years to be served in state prison.

The case was investigated by Salinas Police Department Officers Gabriel Gonzalez, David Pritt, Ruben Sanchez, and Derek Gibson.