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## **SALINAS FELON SENTENCED TO 13 YEARS FOR FIREARM CHARGES AND RESISTING OFFICERS**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Salinas resident David Camel, age 45, entered pleas of no contest to possessing a firearm as a felon, possessing ammunition as a felon, brandishing a loaded firearm, possessing a dirk or dagger, and several counts of resisting an executive officer. Camel also admitted having a prior strike conviction and serving a prior prison term. Camel was previously convicted of several counts of assault with a firearm in Monterey County in 1996 and convicted of assault causing great bodily injury in Santa Clara County in 1999. Each conviction constituted a strike under the Three Strikes Law. These convictions also prohibit Camel from possessing firearms.

On March 18, 2016 Camel brandished a firearm at several people in front of the Fox Theater in Salinas. Camel was seen tossing a loaded firearm underneath a car. When the officers tried to arrest Camel, he resisted and kicked one of the officers. Camel had additional ammunition and a knife on his person.

On May 16, 2016, while in custody at the Monterey County Jail, Camel refused to comply with orders from a deputy to exit his housing unit. Camel physically resisted and threatened the deputies when they tried to gain compliance.

On February 3, 2017, while still in custody at the Monterey County Jail, Camel again became aggressive with some deputies when they asked him to leave his housing unit. During a struggle, Camel kicked one of the deputies.

Camel was immediately sentenced by Monterey County Superior Court Judge Andrew Liu to a total term of 13 years in the California Department of Corrections.