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## **SALINAS MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR DUI CAUSING GREAT BODILY INJURY**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Felix Perez Gutierrez of Salinas, age 29, was sentenced by Judge Pamela L. Butler to four years and four months to be served in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation for driving under the influence and causing great bodily injury. He will serve 85 percent of his sentence before being eligible for parole.

On July 24, 2017 the defendant was driving on San Miguel Canyon Road in North Monterey County with a blood alcohol concentration of .13/.12. The defendant's two young children were in his van when he crossed over the double yellow lines into oncoming traffic. The defendant went head-on with two other vehicles. All vehicles involved contained child passengers. One child suffered three fractured ribs and one adult suffered a fractured arm. The defendant's own five year old child suffered a fractured femur. A total of seven people sustained injuries in this DUI collision.

This case was investigated by California Highway Patrol Officer Sam Gibson.

This case was presented by members of the Monterey County District Attorney's Office specialized DUI Vertical Prosecution Unit. Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.