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SALINAS MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR VEHICLE THEFT

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District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that on May 11 Salinas resident Michael Silva, age 27, was sentenced by Judge Julie R. Culver to sixteen months in prison for driving a stolen vehicle. Silva will be incarcerated in the Monterey County jail rather than prison because of changes (Realignment) in sentencing law enacted in 2011.

On March 4, 2017, at 8:30 a.m., Silva was observed by Salinas Police Officer Tim Simpson prowling in a residential neighborhood. Officer Simpson first watched Silva peer through the front door of a home. When no one answered the front door, Silva then attempted to gain entry through gates on either side of the house. Suspecting that Silva was casing the home or about to commit a residential burglary, Officer Simpson detained Silva in the driveway.

During the course of his investigation, Officer Simpson determined that Silva was not the registered owner of the vehicle he drove to the house. The owner, a Modesto resident, had left his car with his daughter while he traveled out of the country, and was not aware the car had been stolen in his absence.

The case was investigated by Salinas Police Officer Tim Simpson.