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SALINAS MAN AND SEASIDE WOMAN SENTENCED FOR POSSESSION OF AMMUNITION, METHAMPHETAMINE FOR SALE

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Daniel Reyes Mora, age 36 of Salinas, and Rosetta Marie Turturici, age 35 of Seaside, were sentenced to prison on May 23 following their guilty pleas for felon in possession of ammunition and possessing methamphetamine for sales.

On January 3, 2017, Salinas Police Officers pulled over a motorhome being driven by Mora, who was being followed by Turturici in another vehicle. They searched the motorhome and discovered a large amount of crystal methamphetamine, loose packaging, and a box of .380-caliber ammunition. A search of Turturici's vehicle yielded several additional bindles of methamphetamine and heroin. Police recovered a total of 560 grams of methamphetamine and one gram of heroin. As convicted felons, by law Mora and Turturici were prohibited from owning or possessing firearms and ammunition.

Monterey Superior Court Judge Carrie M. Panetta sentenced Mora to a total of 32 months in state prison. Turturici, who also pleaded guilty to an unrelated count of attempting to possess a controlled substance in the county jail, was sentenced to 44 months in state prison.

Both Mora and Turturici's sentences were enhanced due to prior "strike" offenses within the meaning of the Three Strikes Law. Turturici had been convicted of three counts of assault with a firearm in 2000, while Mora was convicted of participating in a criminal street gang in 2002.

The case was investigated by Officer Zachary Dunagan of Salinas Police Department.