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**JURY FINDS SALINAS MAN GUILTY OF DRIVING  
ON SUSPENDED LICENSE**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that on May 25, 2017, Antonio Mata, age 44, a resident of Salinas, was found guilty by jury of driving while his privilege was suspended.

On October 31, 2016, Mata was driving, without a seatbelt on, in a vehicle with expired registration. Mata was asked for his driver's license and instead produced a California Identification Card. Mata's license had been suspended since 2013 and Mata received notice by mail and in person in September 2016.

Judge Russell Scott presided over the trial. Sentencing is scheduled for May 26, 2017.

California Highway Patrol Officer Michael Orta investigated this case.

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