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SALINAS MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR STEALING AUNT'S CAR

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District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced that yesterday Salinas resident Alexis Santoyo, age 21, was sentenced to two years in prison for violating the terms of his probation, imposed after he pled guilty to stealing his aunt's car.

On February 11, 2016, the victim contacted the Salinas Police Department to report that her home had been burglarized and car stolen while she was at the store. Officers located the stolen vehicle within two hours, and the driver, Alexis Santoyo, was apprehended without incident. Santoyo admitted to entering his aunt's home without permission, taking her keys, and stealing her car.

On March 29, 2016, Santoyo was sentenced to felony probation for the vehicle theft. He violated probation for absconding/failing to report, failing to participate in a treatment plan, failing to abstain from the use of controlled substances, and failing to submit to chemical testing. On November 17, 2016, Santoyo was sentenced to two years in prison, but execution of the sentence was suspended for the remainder of the probation term. When Santoyo was released from custody, he again absconded immediately.

Following this second violation of probation, Monterey County Superior Court Judge Robert A. Burlison imposed the suspended two year prison term. Santoyo will serve the time in the Monterey County Jail due to Realignment.

The case was investigated by Salinas Police Officer Luis Toribio.

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