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SALINAS MAN TO RECEIVE 3 YEAR SENTENCE FOR BURGLARY AND POSSESSING STOLEN VEHICLE

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that on June 8 Ralph Apodaca, age 37, entered pleas of no contest to second degree burglary and being in possession of a stolen vehicle.

On January 9, 2017, an officer from the Salinas Police Department saw Apodaca sitting in the driver seat of a stolen van. When the officer attempted to contact Apodaca, he took off running. Apodaca failed to comply with officers' commands to stop, eventually running inside a random home. Officers surrounded the house and were eventually able to get Apodaca to exit the residence. Apodaca was found to have methamphetamine and other stolen property on him.

On March 22, 2017, after bailing out of custody, Apodaca was discovered by a handyman in the attic of a vacant home that was in the process of being sold. Apodaca pled no contest to felony burglary.

Apodaca will receive a sentence of 3 years, 1 of which will be served in the Monterey County Jail due to realignment. The remainder of his sentenced will be served on Mandatory Supervision. He is scheduled to be sentenced on July 5, 2017 before Monterey County Superior Court Judge Andrew Liu.