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## **SALINAS MAN TO RECEIVE 15 YEARS FOR CHINATOWN SHOOTING**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Noe Chavez, age 20, entered pleas of no contest to two counts of attempted murder. Chavez also admitted two enhancements for the personal use of a firearm and two enhancements for personally inflicting great bodily injury.

On February 15, 2017 Chavez was seen approaching an unknown male outside of a tent encampment in Chinatown. Chavez exchanged some words with the male and then pulled a gun out of his sweatshirt and began shooting at the male and other transients in the area. Multiple people in the area were struck by bullets and suffered traumatic injuries, though none were fatal.

Chavez was located in Chinatown on February 24, 2017 and was taken into custody.

Chavez will receive a sentence of 15 years, to be served in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. He is scheduled to be sentenced on September 6, 2017 before Monterey County Superior Court Judge Andrew Liu.

The case was investigated by the Salinas Police Department.