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SALINAS MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR BEING A FELON IN POSSESSION OF FIREARM, AMMUNITION AND METH

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Jesse David Martinez, age 35 of Salinas, was sentenced to 44 months in state prison for possession of a firearm by a felon, possession of ammunition by a felon, and possession of methamphetamine.

On August 23, 2016, deputies from Monterey County Sheriff's Office pulled over a pickup truck being driven by Martinez. When searched, Martinez had a clear plastic bag of methamphetamine, a meth pipe, and five shaved keys in his possession. There was also a loaded, sawed-off, semiautomatic rifle with the serial number filed off in the bed of the pickup truck. Martinez was prohibited from owning or possessing firearms or ammunition due to multiple prior convictions.

Monterey County Superior Court Judge Carrie M. Panetta sentenced Martinez, whose term of imprisonment was doubled because of a 2010 prior conviction under the Three Strikes Law for possession of methamphetamine for sales with a gang enhancement.

The case was investigated by Detective Nicholas Kennedy and Detective Sergeant Brian Pickens of Monterey County Sheriff's Office.