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SALINAS FELON TO RECEIVE 7 YEAR SENTENCE FOR FIREARM AND DRUG CHARGES

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that on August 4, 2017 Salinas resident Jonathan Brown, age 36, entered pleas of no contest to possession of a firearm as a felon and possession of heroin for sale. Brown also admitted an enhancement for being personally armed with a firearm during the offense. Brown had previously been convicted of felony drug sales charges, which prohibit him from possessing firearms.

On September 1, 2016 officers from the Salinas Police Department observed Brown commit several traffic violations while driving a vehicle. When the officers attempted to stop Brown, he led the officers on a high-speed chase through residential areas of Salinas. During the pursuit, Brown tossed a loaded handgun and bag of narcotics out of his car window. The items were later recovered and he was found to be in possession of approximately 20 grams of heroin.

Brown was eventually cornered in his vehicle, however he then continued to elude capture by running away on foot. Officers were able to stop Brown as he was running toward an elementary school that was letting out for the day. Officers found approximately \$4,500 in various denominations in Brown's vehicle and on his person.

On September 1, 2017 Monterey County Superior Court Judge Andrew Liu will sentence Brown to 7 years in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.