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CONVICTED FELON SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR ATTEMPTING TO POSSESS A FIREARM

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that on August 16, 2017 Salinas resident Clifford Johnson, age 47, was sentenced by Monterey County Superior Court Judge Pamela Butler to one year and four months in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, after entering a no contest plea to attempted possession of a firearm as a felon. Johnson had previously been convicted of six felonies, all of which prohibit him from possessing firearms. His sentence was enhanced due his prior strike convictions.

On November 4, 2016, Salinas Police Sergeant Kendall Gray stopped a vehicle for a traffic infraction. Sergeant Gray searched the car due to the occupants' parole status, and located a loaded rifle concealed in a 49ers bag near Johnson's feet. Matching bullets were found in a bag Johnson had on his lap.

The case was investigated by Salinas Police Sergeant Kendall Gray.

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