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PAROLEE SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR SALINAS HIGH SCHOOL BURGLARY

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Salinas resident Jesus Yanez, age 31, was sentenced yesterday to four years in prison for breaking into the Salinas High School.

On July 6, 2017, at about 4:00 am, Yanez was captured on Salinas High School's video surveillance vandalizing a vending machine. Yanez was seen walking throughout the campus for several hours, then using a heat gun to unsuccessfully melt the cash box on a Dasani vending machine. School security called the Salinas Police Department to report the vandalism when it was discovered later than morning. Officer Gabriel Carvey responded and immediately identified Yanez, a known parolee, from the video. A "Be-On-The-Lookout" was issued. On July 8, 2017, Officer Cameron Murphy found Yanez standing on North Main Street and arrested him.

On September 12, 2017, Monterey County Superior Court Judge Robert A. Burlison sentenced Yanez to two years in prison. The sentence was doubled due to Yanez's prior convictions under California's Three Strike Law. However, due to the recent passage of Proposition 57, Yanez is eligible for parole after serving two years. At the time of this burglary, Yanez was on parole as well as two grants of misdemeanor probation.

This case was investigated by Salinas Police Officers Gabriel Carvey and Cameron Murphy.

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