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## **SALINAS MAN SENTENCED TO 30 YEARS IN PRISON FOR COMMITTING MULTIPLE ROBBERIES**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that on September 12, 2017 Arturo Rivas, age 26, was sentenced to 30 years in prison after pleading guilty to five counts of robbery involving eight different victims and one count of assault with a firearm involving another victim.

On December 6, 2016 Rivas entered the Sanborn Gas Station. He pointed a gun to the back of the victim's head, and demanded money from her. When she told him she didn't have any money he turned his attention to the store clerk. He then pointed the gun at the store clerk and demanded money from her. Rivas took about \$800 from the cash register and fled. He was not apprehended at that time.

On December 26, 2016 Rivas returned to the Sanborn Gas Station. He entered the store and pointed a gun at the same store clerk and demanded money from her. Rivas took about \$500 from the cash register and fled. He was not apprehended at that time.

On January 7, 2017 Rivas went to the Quick Stop in Salinas. Before entering the store, he put a black ski mask over his face. Rivas entered the store and pointed a black semi-automatic handgun at the store clerk and demanded money. The store clerk opened the drawer and gave Rivas all the money from the register, totaling about \$300. A customer entered the store while the robbery was occurring and Rivas pointed a gun at him telling him to stay there. The customer left the store but waited in the parking lot. Rivas exited the store and pointed the gun at the customer and demanded his wallet. The customer gave Rivas his wallet which contained about \$30 in cash. Rivas fled and was not apprehended at that time.

On January 10, 2017 Rivas entered Exxon with a gun. He pointed the gun at the store clerk and demanded money. The store clerk gave him about \$200 from the cash register. Rivas fled and was not apprehended at that time.

On January 11, 2017 Rivas entered La Esperanza Market with a firearm. He pointed the firearm at the store clerk and demanded the money from the cash register. The store clerk gave him the money from the register which totaled \$160.00. Later that same day he entered Subway with a firearm and again demanded money from the register. The employee gave him the money which totaled more than \$100. The victims in the Subway robbery were able to give officers a license plate for the vehicle that Rivas fled in. Officers were able to locate the vehicle and Rivas at a nearby motel. He was subsequently arrested.

In all of the robberies, Rivas was captured on surveillance video. These cases were investigated by Salinas Police Department.

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