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SALINAS MAN FOUND GUILTY OF ATTEMPTED MURDER WITH A FIREARM

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Paul Aledo, age 50, was found guilty by a jury of attempted murder. The jury also found true enhancements for committing the crime with premeditation and deliberation, the use of a firearm, and causing great bodily injury. The case was heard by Monterey County Superior Court Judge Andrew Liu.

On March 3, 2017 Aledo shot the victim once in the chest. The bullet fractured the victim's clavicle, punctured his trachea, and became lodged in his spine. The victim is now a paraplegic as a result of being shot. The shooting occurred in the Chinatown area of Salinas. Aledo and the victim were both living in tents in that area at that time.

A few days prior to the shooting, the victim had sought shelter from the rain by knocking on Aledo's tent. Aledo told the victim that if he saw the victim in the area again, Aledo would shoot him.

Aledo is scheduled to be sentenced on October 18, 2017. He faces a maximum of 32 years to life in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. The case was investigated by Detective Schwener of the Salinas Police Department as well as District Attorney Investigators Peter Austen, John Coletti, and Jorge Ramirez.