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## **SALINAS MAN SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS IN PRISON FOR ASSAULT WITH A FIREARM**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that on October 10, 2017 Matthew Rohr, age 19, was sentenced to 20 years in prison after pleading guilty to one count of assault with a firearm and admitting special allegations for use of a firearm and causing great bodily injury, and three counts of assault with force likely to cause great bodily injury.

On July 2, 2016 officers responded to a report of gunshots fired. When they arrived on scene they observed blood in the area but were unable to locate the victim. Several witnesses indicated that the victim had left in a vehicle after gunshots had been fired.

Officers then responded to Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital and spoke to the victim. The victim stated that he and Rohr had engaged in a vehicle sale. A conflict arose during that sale and Rohr flashed a gun at him. The victim left the area and believed everything was over. As the victim was walking home Rohr drove up alongside him in a minivan, and the driver pulled the van over. Rohr exited the passenger side of the vehicle and shot at the victim multiple times. The victim was struck in the head with one of the bullets. He was taken to the hospital by one of his friends.

At least two homes in front of where the victim was shot were struck by the gunfire. One homeowner showed officers a location where a bullet penetrated the wall to the master bedroom of his home and lodged in the pillow in his bed. Another homeowner located broken glass in her front window and a bullet in her living room.

These cases were investigated by Salinas Police Department.

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