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SALINAS MAN SENTENCED TO LIFE IN PRISON FOR CHINATOWN SHOOTING

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Paul Aledo, age 50, was sentenced to 32 years-to-life in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation by Monterey County Superior Court Judge Andrew Liu. Aledo was found guilty by a jury on September 19, 2017 of premeditated and deliberate attempted murder, personally discharging a firearm in the commission of the crime, and causing great bodily injury.

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.

The victim spoke at the sentencing hearing and described how his life is forever changed because of this incident.

The case was investigated by Detective Schwener of the Salinas Police Department as well as Investigators Peter Austen, John Coletti, and Jorge Ramirez from the Monterey District Attorney.