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## **SALINAS MAN CONVICTED OF MULTIPLE SEXUAL ASSAULTS**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Jimmy Alexander was found guilty by a jury of multiple counts of sexual assault including rape, sodomy and oral copulation all by force. He was also convicted of kidnapping and robbery.

The incident occurred April 15 and 16, 2017. Jane Doe was in an area of Salinas known as Chinatown when the defendant got into her car and ordered her to drive away. He ordered her to drive to several different locations over an 8-hour period of time and sexually assaulted her. Jane Doe finally convinced him to get out of her car.

The case involved video evidence that showed the victim going in and out of a convenience store and not running away or seeking assistance. Dr. Mindy Mechanic, an expert on trauma and victim behavior testified that victims often behave in ways that are counter intuitive to how we expect them to behave. For example, studies show that victims of sexual assault physically resist their assailants in less than 20% of cases yet many people believe that they would physically resist. Dr. Mechanic also talked about how victims will often comply out of a desire to survive but that compliance is not consent.

The jury trial lasted six days and was presided over by Judge Andrew G. Liu. A sentencing date has not yet been set as the judge has taken under submission evidence to decide if Alexander has a prior conviction under California three strikes law.