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SALINAS MAN SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS FOR ATTEMPTED MURDER

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Salinas resident Roberto Bravo, age 36, was sentenced to 10 years in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation by Monterey County Superior Court Judge Andrew Liu.

On October 4, 2017, Bravo entered pleas of no contest to attempted murder and assault with a semiautomatic firearm. Bravo also admitted enhancements for personally using a firearm during the crimes. His conviction represents two strikes under California's Three Strikes Law.

On April 15, 2017 Bravo attempted to burglarize the victims' construction truck parked outside their home for the second time in several weeks. A neighbor's surveillance camera captured Bravo stealing tools from the victims' same work truck a few weeks prior. On the night of April 15, a member of the victims' family saw Bravo tampering with the truck. Startled, Bravo got into his own vehicle to flee the scene. Two members of the victims' family, a father and son, got into their vehicle to follow Bravo. The victims called police as they were following Bravo, hoping that the police would apprehend Bravo and get the victim's stolen property back.

During this pursuit, Bravo pulled to the side of road, exited his vehicle and shot at the two victims. Bravo fired approximately 6-7 rounds towards the victims' vehicle while they were inside. 3 bullets struck the front and hood of the victims' vehicle. Fortunately, neither of the victims were struck by the bullets or injured. Based on the license plate number provided by the victims, officers from the Salinas Police Department later located Bravo at his residence.

When questioned by police, Bravo admitted shooting at the victims and led police to where he had buried the gun in his backyard.

Because of prior misdemeanor domestic violence convictions, at the time of the current offense Bravo was prohibited from owning or possessing firearms.