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## **SALINAS KILLER FOUND GUILTY OF MULTIPLE MURDERS AFTER MONTH- LONG RAMPAGE**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Brad Azcona, age 25, of Salinas, was found guilty by a jury of two counts of 1<sup>st</sup> degree murder, two counts of attempted murder, assault with a firearm, attempted robbery, negligent discharge of a firearm, and being a felon in possession of a firearm. The jury also found true a special circumstance that Azcona committed multiple murders. The case was heard by Monterey County Superior Court Judge Pamela Butler. Judge Butler also found that Azcona had been previously convicted of a strike offense, a robbery in 2012, and had served a prior prison term.

On August 21, 2015 Azcona was riding his bike on Cherokee Drive in Salinas. Azcona saw the victim Flores walking on the street and shot at him 13 times. Flores was struck in the arm and transported to Natividad Medical Center. A neighbor's house was struck multiple times by bullets fired by Azcona.

On September 8, 2015 Azcona was riding his bike on Duran Street in Salinas. Moises Sanchez, Devante Rogers, and Carlos Robles were driving home in that area and almost collided with Azcona on his bike. After the near-collision, Azcona followed the vehicle and fired 5-7 shots at the driver, Moises Sanchez. Sanchez was struck in the head and crashed the car. Carlos Robles, 16 years old, exited the vehicle and Azcona fired 5-7 more gunshots just at Robles. Robles was struck 4 times and died as a result of the gunshot wounds.

On September 23, 2015 Azcona assaulted another victim by trying to take his tablet computer. When the victim wouldn't give Azcona the tablet, Azcona pulled out a gun, threatened the victim and then struck the victim in the face with the gun.

Approximately 40 minutes after the attempted robbery on September 23, 2015 Azcona went to the Chinatown area of Salinas. Azcona got into a dispute with Ramon Herrera. Azcona killed Ramon Herrera by shooting him 9 times. Azcona was captured on numerous surveillance videos throughout Salinas on September 23, 2015 leading up to the robbery and murder and then fleeing the scene of the murder.

Azcona was finally captured, hiding in the crawl space of a home in Salinas, on October 8, 2015 after a 12-hour standoff with law enforcement.

Azcona is scheduled to be sentenced on February 9, 2018. He faces life without the possibility of parole in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. The case was investigated by Detectives Gabriel Gonzalez and Derek Gibson of the Salinas Police Department as well as Investigators Tracey Spencer and Jorge Gutierrez from the Monterey County District Attorney.