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SALINAS MAN PLEADS TO SHOOTING AT AN OCCUPIED MOTOR VEHICLE, ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON, POSSESSION OF A WEAPON IN JAIL AND RESISTING AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that on December 5 Clemente Morado, age 26, a resident of Salinas, pled no contest to four counts of felony charges, including shooting at an occupied motor vehicle, assault with a deadly weapon, possession of a weapon in jail, and resisting an executive officer. Morado was previously convicted of a strike offense for burglarizing a residence in 2009.

On December 31, 2015, Morado resisted a Salinas police officer and fled the scene during a traffic stop. Two months later, on February 29, 2016, Morado engaged in an altercation with some individuals in the parking lot of Shop & Save, located on North Main street in Salinas. During this altercation, Morado exchanged gunfire with the individuals in the vehicle. Following his arrest, Morado assaulted a fellow inmate with a deadly weapon. The inmate suffered a stab wound on his neck, along with significant blood loss.

Morado's sentencing hearing is scheduled for January 11, 2018. He is facing over 15 years in state prison.