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SALINAS MAN SENTENCED TO 13 YEARS IN PRISON FOR STRING OF GAS STATION ROBBERIES

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Julian Rangel Gasca, age 30, a resident of Salinas, was sentenced by Judge Carrie M. Panetta to 13 years and 4 months in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation prison for robbing two gas stations and attempting to rob a third.

On August 2, 2016, Gasca entered the minimart of a Valero Station in the City of Greenfield and pulled, what appeared to be, a firearm on the clerk working at the front counter. Gasca demanded all the cash in the register and made off with approximately \$500.

On August 6, 2016, Gasca turned his sights to another Valero Station located in the City of Gonzalez. Gasca was captured on video tape wearing distinctive clothing that matched the previous robbery in Greenfield. Gasca again demanded money from the clerk on duty and he took \$1400 from the station.

Finally, on August 15, 2016, Gasca attempted to rob an Alliance Gas Station located in the City of Monterey, however, he was unable to take any money from the store, because he could not get the cash register to open. Gasca was again captured on video tape wearing clothing that matched the previous two robberies.

On August 19, 2017 officers from the Peninsula Regional Violence and Narcotics Team and the Greenfield Police Department set up surveillance on an address associated with Gasca. They were able to spot him lying down in the back of a car that his girlfriend was driving. The car was searched and in the trunk, there were several clothing items that matched what was worn in the during the robberies.

This case was investigated by Officer Bryan Kruse of the Peninsula Regional Violence and Narcotics Team.