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SALINAS MAN SENTENCED TO THREE YEARS IN PRISON FOR HIT AND RUN AND BRINGING NARCOTICS INTO THE JAIL

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that on January 30, 2018, Salinas resident Gregory Smith, age 46, was sentenced by Judge Robert A. Burlison to three years in prison for a hit and run collision, and then subsequently transporting methamphetamine into the Monterey County Jail..

On November 26, 2017, at approximately 12:49pm, Salinas police officers were dispatched to the scene of a pedestrian strike on East Lake Street. Witnesses observed a vehicle strike a woman as she crossed the street. The driver, later identified as Smith, then got out of his car, walked over to the prone victim, shouted an expletive, then got back in his vehicle and sped away on North Main Street. Smith was identified thanks to witnesses who recorded his license plate.

Smith was ultimately apprehended on December 10, 2017, during a high-risk traffic stop at Central and Davis in Salinas and was transported to the Monterey County Jail. During the booking process, intake deputies located .9 grams of methamphetamine concealed on his person.

These cases were investigated by Salinas Police Officers Cameron Mitchell, Zach Dunagan, and Anthony Parker, and Deputy Ted Brown with the Monterey County Sheriff's Office.

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