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SALINAS MAN SENTENCED TO 11 YEARS IN STATE PRISON FOR MAKING CRIMINAL THREATS AND MULTIPLE COUNTS OF POSSESSION OF A FIREARM AND AMMUNITION BY A FELON

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that on January 30, 2018, Larry Moses Rodriguez, age 51, a resident of Salinas, was sentenced to 11 years in state prison by Judge Julie Culver. The prison sentence was imposed after Rodriguez pled no contest to four counts of felony charges, including making criminal threats to his wife, and for illegally possessing firearms and ammunition as a felon.

In 2007, Rodriguez assaulted his wife by beating her repeatedly during an argument. Specifically, he strangled, kicked and stabbed his wife several times with a pocketknife, causing her to suffer multiple lacerations, contusions, and blunt force trauma to her head and body. He subsequently pled guilty to domestic violence causing great bodily injury, a strike offense, for which he served 8 years in state prison.

Following his release from prison, Rodriguez reunited with his wife. However, she moved out of their shared residence in August 2017 after he began to threaten her and blame her for problems with his children. In September and November 2017, he sent several messages to the victim posing with a semiautomatic firearm and telling her that he is going to “wreck her life.” Rodriguez warned her that he was going to put her “in so much pain” that she would be “begging” for him to kill her. He further told the victim that he knew where she lived and that “everything was set up” for the victim “to meet her maker.” The victim was in fear of her life after she received the threatening messages from Rodriguez. The evidence shows that Rodriguez further intended to shoot the victim and then kill as many police officers as he could before being shot by the police.