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SALINAS MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR FIREARM AND NARCOTICS CHARGES

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that on January 30, 2018, Salinas resident Lorenzo Villafuerte, age 24, was sentenced by Judge Robert A. Burlison to one year and four months for possession of a firearm and possession of methamphetamine for sale.

On July 3, 2017, at approximately 11:55pm, California Highway Patrol Officer Chad Cavender initiated a traffic stop on North Main Street in Salinas after observing erratic driving. He contacted the driver, Villafuerte, and noticed the distinct odor of alcohol and marijuana. Villafuerte, who was on DUI probation, was ordered out of the car and searched pursuant to his probation terms. Officers found 1,746.9 grams of methamphetamine, marijuana packaged for sale, concentrated cannabis, \$470 in cash, baggies, a scale, and unidentified prescription pills. The officers also found two loaded firearms and additional magazines and ammunition in the trunk.

The case was investigated by California Highway Patrol Officers Chad Cavender and Theodore Rocha.

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