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SALINAS MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that on January 30, 2018, Antonio Garcia Santiago, age 43, was convicted of and sentenced for driving under the influence with numerous priors. Judge Robert Burlison sentenced the defendant to the low term of 1 year 4 months in California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

On November 14, 2015, Salinas police officers were dispatched to a hit and run vehicle collision on N. Sanborn and E. Laurel Road. The victim was waiting at the intersection of Sanborn and Laurel when the defendant struck her vehicle from behind. After the collision, the defendant did not stop and exchange information as he is legally required to do, but instead he fled from the scene. The victim called 911 and followed the defendant until police arrived. The defendant admitted consuming alcohol and provided a breath sample of a .23, nearly triple the legal limit.

The defendant has a long record of driving under the influence with priors which includes three prior convictions for driving under the influence in Monterey County.

Salinas Police Officers E. Garcia, T. Provost and Heckman conducted the investigations and arrests in this incident.

This case was presented by members of the District Attorney's Office specialized DUI Vertical Prosecution Unit. Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.