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SALINAS RESIDENT SENTENCED TO EIGHTEEN YEAR IN PRISON FOR CAUSING THE DEATH OF HOMELESS MAN

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Judge Pamela Butler sentenced Davion Smith to the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation for a period of eighteen years for causing the death of Tyler Webb, in the China Town area of Salinas. On August 25, 2015, Smith, while collecting a drug debt, struck the victim in the face causing him to fall to the ground, striking his head and eventually dying from the incident.

Smith was convicted of involuntary manslaughter, battery with serious bodily injury and assault with force likely to cause great bodily injury, and causing great bodily injury. While he was awaiting trial, he attempted to dissuade a major witness in the case from testifying by threats of bodily harm. As a result of these actions, Smith was convicted of trying to dissuade a witness from testifying. He had been released on bail at the time that he made the attempt to prevent the witness from testifying.

The case was investigated by the Salinas Police Department, as well as District Attorney Investigator John Colletti.