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SALINAS KILLER SENTENCED TO LIFE WITHOUT POSSIBILITY OF PAROLE

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Brad Azcona, age 25, was sentenced by Monterey County Superior Court Judge Pamela Butler to life in prison without the possibility of parole for committing two 1st degree murders. Azcona was also sentenced to multiple consecutive life terms for two attempted murders as well as the use of a firearm and 28 years and 4 months on the remainder of the charges.

Azcona was previously found guilty on November 17, 2017, by a jury of two counts of 1st degree murder, two counts of attempted murder, assault with a firearm, attempted robbery, negligent discharge of a firearm, and being a felon in possession of a firearm. The jury also found true a special circumstance that Azcona committed multiple murders. Judge Butler also found that Azcona had been previously convicted of a strike offense, a robbery in 2012, and had served a prior prison term.

On August 21, 2015, Azcona was riding his bike on Cherokee Drive in Salinas. He saw the victim Flores walking on the street and shot at him 13 times. Flores was struck in the arm and transported to Natividad Medical Center. A neighbor's house was struck multiple times by bullets fired by Azcona.

On September 8, 2015, Azcona was riding his bike on Duran Street in Salinas. Moises Sanchez, Devante Rogers, and Carlos Robles were driving home in that area and almost collided with Azcona on his bike. After the near-collision, Azcona followed the vehicle and fired 5-7 shots at the driver, Moises Sanchez. Sanchez was struck in the head and crashed the car. Carlos Robles, 16 years old, exited the vehicle and Azcona fired 5-7 more gunshots just at Robles. Robles was struck 4 times and died as a result of the gunshot wounds.

On September 23, 2015, Azcona assaulted another victim by trying to take his tablet computer. When the victim wouldn't give Azcona the tablet, Azcona pulled out a gun, threatened the victim and then struck the victim in the face with the gun.

Approximately 40 minutes after the attempted robbery on September 23, 2015 Azcona went to the Chinatown area of Salinas. Azcona got into a dispute with Ramon Herrera. Azcona killed Ramon Herrera by shooting him 9 times. Azcona was captured on numerous surveillance videos throughout Salinas on September 23, 2015, leading up to the robbery and murder and then fleeing the scene of the murder.

On October 8, 2015, Azcona was finally captured after a 12-hour standoff with law enforcement., hiding in the crawl space of a home in Salinas. The case was investigated by Detectives Gabriel Gonzalez and Derek Gibson of the Salinas Police Department as well as Investigators Tracey Spencer and Jorge Gutierrez from the Monterey County District Attorney.