

*** *NEWS RELEASE* ***

**SALINAS MAN SENTENCED
TO PRISON FOR DRIVING UNDER
THE INFLUENCE**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Salinas resident, Jesus Rodriguez, age 33, was sentenced by Judge Julie Culver to the middle term of two years in California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. Rodriguez has prior convictions for driving under the influence, including one prior felony conviction.

On November 8, 2017, California Highway Patrol Officers were dispatched for a reckless driver who was seen swerving and almost collides with numerous vehicles. When officers caught up to the vehicle they determined the driver was under the influence of alcohol. Rodriguez admitted consuming alcohol and provided a breath sample of a .15, almost double the legal limit.

CHP Officers Avila and Cavender 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.