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UNLICENSED CONTRACTOR FACING PRISON SENTENCE AFTER PLEADING GUILTY TO RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Salomon Calderon Medina, age 54, a Greenfield resident, entered a guilty plea on March 13, 2018 to residential burglary and two misdemeanors: unlicensed contracting and not having workers' compensation insurance.

The Monterey County District Attorney's Consumer Protection Unit began investigating Mr. Medina in response to a complaint from an elderly King City couple. The couple alleged that Mr. Medina approached them in a supermarket parking lot, where he offered his services as a contractor. Mr. Medina never disclosed that he was not a licensed contractor. Believing Mr. Medina to be lawfully licensed to perform such services, the couple invited him into their home. Once inside the couple's residence, he again represented that he could remodel their bathroom and asked for \$3,600 in professional fees. The couple paid him for the remodeling work. Although he returned several days later with two workers and did general yard work, he never started the bathroom remodel and eventually abandoned the job. When the couple tried to contact him to get a refund, he ceased communicating with them.

During the investigation, it was determined that Mr. Medina had prior felony convictions for elder abuse, diversion of contractor funds and fraud. In light of his criminal record and the predatory nature of his interactions with the King City couple, the District Attorney charged Mr. Medina with a serious felony: residential burglary in violation of Penal Code section 459.

The case was investigated by District Attorney Investigators Steve Guidi, George Costa and Martin Sanchez as well as CSLB Enforcement Representative Georgia Solorzano.

Mr. Medina will be sentenced on April 24, 2018 by Judge Carrie Panetta. He faces up to 4 years in state prison.