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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 Carlos Alfaro Morales, age 60, was convicted of and sentenced for driving under the influence with numerous priors. His priors include seven prior convictions for driving under the influence in Monterey County, four which are felonies. Judge Carrie Panetta sentenced Morales to 4 years in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

On February 18, 2018, Monterey County Sheriff's deputies observed Morales weaving in and out of his traffic lane. During their investigation, officers determined the defendant was under the influence of alcohol. Morales admitted consuming alcohol and provided a breath sample which resulted in a blood alcohol content level of .24, nearly triple the legal limit.

California Highway Patrol Officer Omar Garcia and Deputy A. Hernandez conducted the investigation and arrest 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.