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## **SALINAS MAN FOUND GUILTY OF ANNOYING OR MOLESTING A CHILD UNDER 18**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that on April 18, Ivan Guillen Rodriguez, age 29, was found guilty after a three-day jury trial of annoying or molesting a child, unlawful invasion of privacy, and attempted destruction of evidence.

In January of 2017, Rodriguez and his wife were experiencing marital problems. Because of this, his wife decided to look through his cellphone. In doing so she found a video depicting Rodriguez surreptitiously positioning his cellphone in her 12-year-old daughter's bedroom and videotaping her naked as she got dressed. When confronted with the video of his step-daughter, Rodriguez grabbed the phone and attempted to delete the video. Salinas police were called to investigate. At first, Rodriguez denied everything but later confessed when police told him they could retrieve the video. The video was later recovered through a forensic examination of Rodriguez' phone.

Judge Efren Iglesia will sentence Rodriguez on June 29, 2018. He faces up to one year in county jail and mandatory sex offender registration.

Salinas Police Officers Ian Kile and Lino Sanchez investigated this case.