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PAROLED MURDERER CHARGED WITH KIDNAPPING AND BEATING WOMAN IN SALINAS

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that O'Neal Underwood, a 63-year-old parolee, allegedly beat and kidnapped a woman in Salinas on June 29, 2018.

On July 6, 2018, the District Attorney filed felony domestic violence charges against Underwood, including two felony strike priors. Underwood was arraigned on July 10, 2018 and is in custody with bail set at \$1,020,000. On July 14, 2018, the District Attorney charged an additional count of kidnapping in the domestic violence case occurring on June 29, 2018.

On January 1, 1987, Underwood committed first degree murder and robbery in Contra Costa County. Underwood was convicted of both offenses and on March 4, 1988, Underwood received a sentence of 25 to life in state prison. Underwood was paroled on March 23, 2017 to Monterey County.

This is an active investigation. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact Salinas Police Detective Ruben Sanchez at 831-758-7927.

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