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**SALINAS FATHER FOUND GUILTY OF
DOMESTIC BATTERY**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that a Monterey County jury found Peter Augustine Ruiz, a 47-year-old resident of Salinas, California, guilty of domestic battery after a three-day trial.

On April 2, 2018, the defendant began arguing with his wife, Jane Doe, over finances and her volunteering with a local non-profit organization. As the argument escalated, the defendant approached his wife and punched her in the face. Their three young daughters heard the commotion and a loud “thud” before running into the living room and seeing their mother on the ground and the defendant standing over her.

Judge Wills sentenced the defendant to 40 days in the Monterey County Jail and placed him on probation for three years.

Officer Ermelinda Reyes of the Salinas Police Department investigated this case.

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