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## **SALINAS MAN ENTERED PLEAS TO TWO COUNTS OF CHILD MOLEST**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that on October 26, Hipolito Mendoza Cervantes, age 46, was sentenced by Judge Pamela Butler to a stipulated term of 18 years in the California Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections. He was also ordered to register as a lifetime sex offender.

In September 2018, Cervantes entered no contest pleas to one count of continuous sexual abuse of a child and one count of lewd acts upon a child.

Salinas Police Officer Adolfo Lopez and Detective Gabriela Garibay investigated the case. The victims were supported by the District Attorney's Victim Advocate Unit and Support Canine, Odie, throughout the pendency of the case.