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SALINAS DAYCARE PROVIDER'S SON SENTENCED TO EIGHT YEARS FOR FORCIBLE LEWD AND LASCIVIOUS ACTS WITH A CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF 14

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that on December 6, Jairo Lopez, age 23, was sentenced to eight years in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation for one count of forcible lewd act upon a child under the age of 14 for sexual conduct perpetrated in 2013. The eleven-year old victim attended the daycare center that the defendant's mother ran out of their home. The investigation also uncovered a second victim who was sexually abused by Lopez sometime in 2008. During that time, Lopez was under the age of eighteen.

Judge Carrie Panetta also ordered Lopez to register as a sex offender for the rest of his life, pay restitution and issued a restraining order prohibiting contact with the victim for the next ten years.

This case was investigated by former District Attorney Investigator Christine Gunter, who is now a Sergeant with the Greenfield Police Department, and Detective Gabriel Gonzalez of the Salinas Police Department Investigations Bureau.