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## **36 YEAR OLD SALINAS MAN SENTENCED TO FIVE YEARS IN PRISON FOR CHILD MOLESTATION**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Monterey County Superior Court Judge Carrie Panetta sentenced Salinas resident Jesus Medina, age 36, to five years in state prison for committing child molestation.

On November 5, 2016, Jane Doe, who was under ten years old at the time, went to a spiritual ceremony with her mother. Medina was a spiritual leader and a close family friend of Jane Doe and her mother. Medina, his wife, and his children also went to the spiritual ceremony with Jane Doe and Doe's mother. After the ceremony ended, he took his children and Jane Doe back to his house where the children were going to have a sleepover. Doe's mother had known Medina and his entire family for several years and she trusted Medina to watch over Jane Doe that night. After Medina put Jane Doe to bed, he came back in to Doe's room and molested her two times. When Medina was contacted by law enforcement, he stated that he touched her accidentally over her clothing when he was putting her to bed.

On October 1, 2018, a jury found Medina guilty of two counts of child molestation. Both charges are violent felonies and are considered "strikes" under California's Three Strikes law. In addition to the five-year prison sentence, Medina will be required to register as a sex offender for life. A restraining order was granted prohibiting Medina from contacting Doe for a period of ten years, the maximum term under the law. During the sentencing hearing, Jane Doe's parents each made a statement describing the long-term effects of child molestation.

The case was investigated by Detective Byron Gansen and Officer Medrano from the Salinas Police Department, District Attorney Investigator Terri Edwards, and Sgt. Christi Gunter in her former capacity as a District Attorney Investigator.