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### **SALINAS MAN SENTENCED TO 8 YEARS IN PRISON FOR FORCIBLE SEXUAL ASSAULT**

*People v Salvador Zacharias; Case No. 18CR003063*

*SALINAS*, California- Monterey County District Attorney Jeannine M. Pacioni announced today that Judge Mark E. Hood sentenced Salvador Zacharias, age 31, a resident of Salinas, to eight years in prison for committing forcible oral copulation and false imprisonment by violence. This is considered one “strike” under California’s Three Strikes law.

Jane Doe had known Salvador Zacharias for over a decade. On March 26, 2018, Zacharias had come over to Jane Doe’s house where he and Doe spent the evening talking. Then after some time, Zacharias became aggressive and tried to kiss Doe. Doe told him no and that she did not want to do anything sexual with him. Zacharias then forcibly removed Doe’s clothing and sexually assaulted Jane Doe. He also closed the bedroom door, blocked the doorway, and prevented Doe from leaving for several minutes. Zacharias threatened Doe and told her “Don’t get me in trouble or you will be sorry.” Doe received some injuries from the assault. Upon being contacted by officers from the Salinas Police Department, Zacharias admitted using drugs. Zacharias also admitted engaging in sexual acts with Doe, but he stated that it was consensual.

The case was investigated by Salinas Police Department Officers Scott Sutton, Matthew Donatoni, Eduardo Bejarano, and Samantha Garcia.

At today’s sentencing hearing, Judge Mark E. Hood ordered Zacharias to have no contact with Jane Doe for ten years, the maximum term provided by law.