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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **SALINAS MAN SENTENCED TO 3 YEARS FOR DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE WITH PRIOR CONVICTIONS**

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*People v. Santillan; 19CR000310*

*SALINAS*, California- Monterey County District Attorney Jeannine M. Pacioni announced today that Ulises Rodriguez Santillan, age 24 and a resident of Salinas, was sentenced to one year in the county jail and two years on mandatory supervision for driving under the influence with a blood alcohol level of .08 or higher with three prior convictions.

On January 6, 2019, at approximately 5:17 p.m., Salinas police officers responded to the intersection of Williams Road and Monte Bella Boulevard regarding a vehicle collision with unknown injuries. Upon arrival, officers contacted the driver of the solo vehicle collision, later identified as Ulises Santillan, who was standing outside the vehicle. Santillan informed officers he was driving northbound on Williams Road when he collided with the center median. Officers had a difficult time understanding Santillan due to his slurred speech and noticed a heavy odor of an alcoholic beverage emitting from his breath and person. Santillan admitted to consuming two bottles of Budweiser beer. Officers conducted a DUI investigation that Santillan failed to satisfactorily complete. Santillan agreed to provide a breath test, which yielded a blood alcohol content of .14% and .15%.

Salinas Police Officers Zamora and Dorantes were instrumental in conducting the investigation that resulted in the arrest and conviction.

This case was presented by members of the Monterey County District Attorney's Office specialized DUI Vertical Prosecution Unit. Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.