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### **SALINAS FELON FOUND GUILTY OF ASSAULT, DISSUADING A WITNESS, EVADING POLICE OFFICERS, POSSESSION OF A FIREARM, AND CONCEALING EVIDENCE**

*People v. Carlos Ibarra; Case No. 18CR001266*

*SALINAS*, California- Monterey County District Attorney Jeannine M. Pacioni announced today that Carlos Ibarra, age 25, was found guilty after a jury trial of assault, theft, dissuading a witness, evading police, being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition, and attempting to conceal evidence.

On February 3, 2018, three people standing in a Safeway parking lot flagged down a Salinas police officer. One of the three reported that they had finished their purchases at Safeway and were sitting in their car, when a brown truck pulled up to the passenger's side of the car at a high rate of speed. The reporting party said that two females got out of the truck and attacked his friend who was sitting in the reporting party's backseat. Then, Ibarra got out of the driver's seat of the truck, approached the reporting party, told him not to call the police, and grabbed his cellphone out of his shirt pocket. When the reporting party tried to get his cellphone back, Ibarra assaulted him and then fled in the truck with the two females.

Salinas police officers were able to locate Ibarra's truck and attempted to pull him over. Ibarra initially stopped his truck. However, as the responding officers exited their patrol vehicles to approach, he sped off. Ibarra drove at a high rate of speed through residential areas and ran seven stop signs. Ibarra eventually gave up, stopped the truck, and surrendered to the police.

Ibarra's truck was searched, and officers located a gray pouch containing 9 mm bullets on the front passenger's seat. The male victim's cellphone was also located inside of the truck.

An officer noticed that the front passenger window was rolled up when Ibarra first pulled his car over but was rolled down when he stopped the second time. Retracing the pursuit route, officers found a white bag on the roadway, contained a firearm and additional ammunition that was the

same caliber as was found in Ibarra's truck. Ibarra had previously been convicted of a felony, making his possession of a firearm and ammunition illegal.

Ibarra will be sentenced on May 8, 2019 at 8:45 a.m. in Department 3 of the Monterey County Superior Court in Salinas. He faces a maximum of 10 years in prison.

This case was investigated by Officer Edward Estrada and Samantha Garcia of the Salinas Police Department.