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### **SALINAS MAN FOUND GUILTY OF ASSAULT ON A PEACE OFFICER, EVADING, AND FILING A FALSE REPORT**

*People v. Arnulfo Bravo; 18CR001616*

*SALINAS*, California- Monterey County District Attorney Jeannine M. Pacioni announced today that on April 23, 2019 Arnulfo Bravo, age 34, was found guilty by a Monterey County jury of assault with a deadly weapon on a peace officer, evading a peace officer, and filing a false report of a vehicle theft.

On August 21, 2017 Salinas Police Officer Sutton attempted a traffic stop on Bravo's vehicle for failing to stop at a stop sign. Bravo failed to yield to Officer Sutton and instead sped up. Bravo ran through multiple stop signs and red lights, reached speeds of 70 MPH in residential neighborhoods and even sped past a school bus whose red lights were flashing indicating children were present. Officer Sutton eventually terminated the pursuit because it became too dangerous.

Salinas Police Officer Mitchell located Bravo shortly thereafter. Bravo turned into an apartment complex with a closed gate at which point Officer Mitchell positioned his vehicle in the driveway and exited his vehicle with his gun drawn as he believed that Bravo had ran into a dead end. However, instead of stopping, Bravo turned his vehicle around and drove straight at Officer Mitchell forcing him to jump back in his car and close the door to avoid being hit. Bravo later attempted to report his vehicle stolen but Officer Mitchell immediately recognized him as the person who had tried to hit him when he arrived to take the report.

Monterey County Superior Court Judge Andrew G. Liu, who presided over the trial, will sentence Bravo on May 22, 2019. He faces a maximum of 5 years 8 months in prison.