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### **SALINAS MAN FOUND GUILTY OF DUI**

*People v. Ivan Daniel Molina-Quiroz*

SALINAS, California- Monterey County District Attorney Jeannine M. Pacioni announced today that after a 3-day jury trial, Ivan Daniel Molina-Quiroz was found guilty of driving under the influence. Judge Alfonso Fernandez presided.

On December 17, 2017, at approximately 2:00 a.m., CHP Officer Ryan McDonald observed a vehicle tailgating, speeding, and weaving on US 101 and initiated a traffic stop. When making contact with the driver who was identified as Molina, Officer McDonald smelled alcohol emitting from Molina's breath and noticeably bloodshot eyes. Molina refused to participate in field sobriety tests but instead, repeatedly asked for a ride home.

After being arrested for driving under the influence, Molina unlawfully refused to submit to a chemical test to determinate his blood-alcohol content. Office McDonald obtained a search warrant for a sample of Molina's blood, which was sent to the California Department of Justice for testing. The test results indicated that Molina's blood-alcohol content was .15%.

Molina was sentenced to five years' probation conditioned upon serving 25 days in jail, not driving with any measurable amount of alcohol in his system, and completion of the nine-month first offender program.