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SALINAS MAN RECEIVES 4 YEARS 8 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR 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 that on June 28, Judge Andrew G. Liu sentenced Arnulfo Bravo, age 34, to 4 years 8 months in prison after Bravo was found guilty by a Monterey County jury in April 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 to pull over Bravo's vehicle for failing to stop at a stop sign. Bravo failed to yield 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 and Officer Mitchell positioned his vehicle in the driveway and exited his vehicle with his gun drawn. Bravo then 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 escaped. Bravo later tried to report his vehicle as stolen, but when Officer Mitchell arrived to take the report he immediately recognized Bravo and arrested him.