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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **SALINAS FELON SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR DISSUADING A WITNESS, EVADING POLICE OFFICERS, AND ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF A FIREARM**

*People v. Carlos Ibarra, 18CR001266*

*SALINAS*, California- Monterey County District Attorney Jeannine M. Pacioni announced today that Carlos Ibarra, age 25, was sentenced by Judge Pamela L. Butler to serve 7 years and 8 months in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation after a jury found him guilty 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, a Salinas police officer was flagged down by a group of three people, who were standing in a Safeway parking lot. 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 backseat. Then, Ibarra got out of the driver's seat of the truck, approached him, told him not to call the police, and grabbed his cellphone out of his shirt pocket. When he tried to get his cellphone back, Ibarra assaulted him and then fled in the truck with the two females.

A Salinas police officer located Ibarra's truck and attempted to pull him over. In order to evade the officer, 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.

Officers searched Ibarra's truck and found a gray pouch with 9 mm bullets on the front passenger seat. They also found the male victim's cellphone inside of the truck.

Retracing the pursuit route, officers found a white bag on the roadway, with 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.

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