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SALINAS MAN SENTENCED TO FIVE YEARS IN PRISON FOR ROBBERY

People v. Jovany Aguirre; 18CR009681

SALINAS, California- Monterey County District Attorney Jeannine M. Pacioni announced today that Judge Andrew G. Liu sentenced Salinas resident Jovany Aguirre, age 23, to five years in prison for robbery with a firearm. Aguirre had previously pled no contest to one count of robbery and admitted a special allegation for personal use of a firearm during the robbery.

On October 7, 2018, Aguirre entered the Quick Stop on Williams Road in Salinas. He approached an employee holding a semi-automatic weapon and told her to “move” and to open the cash register. The employee opened the cash register and gave Aguirre \$523 in cash from the register. Aguirre fled from the Quick Stop on foot and entered his vehicle.

After locating his vehicle, officers engaged Aguirre in a vehicle pursuit. Aguirre drove through city streets and residential neighborhoods at speeds of approximately 70 mph, during which he failed to stop at multiple posted stop signs and red lights. As he continued to evade arrest, he was unable to negotiate a turn, and struck a concrete center divide which launched his vehicle over an island and caused it to come to rest in an intersection.

Aguirre exited his vehicle and fled the scene. Witnesses of the collision were able to provide a description of him to law enforcement. Further, a search of the vehicle revealed clothing he was seen wearing during the robbery and a wallet with a driver’s license issued to him.

This case was investigated by the Salinas Police Department.