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SALINAS MAN SENTENCED TO 32 MONTHS PRISON FOR BEING A FELON IN POSSESSION OF A FIREARM

People v. Tilo Benting; 18CR008403

SALINAS, California- Monterey County District Attorney Jeannine M. Pacioni announced today that on August 28, Judge Andrew G. Liu sentenced Tilo Benting, age 50, to 32 months in prison for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

On September 2, 2018, a Salinas police officer stopped a vehicle being driven by Benting for not having proper license plates. Upon contact the officer saw that Benting had a gym bag on his lap. A subsequent search of the gym bag revealed a loaded Smith and Wesson revolver and a search of his cell phone uncovered photographs of the revolver and of him. Benting had previously been convicted of three prior felonies, the most recent in 2005.

The case was investigated by Salinas Police Officer Luis Toribio.