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## **Salinas Man Pleads No Contest to Conspiring to Transport Over 4 Kilograms of Methamphetamine for Sale**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Jason Barlow, age 40, a resident of Salinas, pled no contest to conspiring with others to transport over 4 Kilograms of methamphetamine for sale.

In March of 2015, the Department of Justice Task Force known as "S.T.I.N.G." (Strategic Team Interdiction Narcotics and Gangs), initiated an investigation into a drug trafficking organization operating in Monterey County. After investigating a few members of the drug traffic organization, S.T.I.N.G. task force officers started focusing on select individuals who were believed to be directly involved in drug sales; Barlow was among them. Over the course of March, April, and May, S.T.I.N.G. officers determined that Barlow planned to acquire and sell methamphetamine. Based on that information, officers were able to learn of a plot formed by Barlow and his coconspirators to import a large amount of methamphetamine from Mexico into California.

On the afternoon of April 18, 2014, U.S. Border Patrol Agents pulled aside Daniel T. Montes, a conspirator of Barlow's, who was attempting to cross the border from Mexico into California. Border Patrol Agents ended up searching Montes's car and discovered over 9 pounds of methamphetamine concealed within the vehicle.

Barlow will be sentenced by Judge Mark E. Hood on January 13, 2016 in Department 2 at 8:45 a.m. He faces a maximum prison sentence of 9 years that will be served in the Monterey County jail due to Realignment.