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SALINAS MAN SENTENCED AFTER SECOND DEGREE MURDER VERDICT

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Judge Mark Hood sentenced Freddy Gomez Carranza, age 37, from Salinas to 15 years-to-life for the second degree murder of Sergio Rodriguez, with an additional 25 years-to-life for the use of a gun during the murder. The defendant will serve 40 years in state prison before being eligible for parole.

On November 2, 2013, at approximately 4:00 p.m., the victim arrived at a ranch where he was storing a bus which he had been working on for several months. During this time a child's birthday party was being held at the location and dozens of guests were in attendance. The defendant, a drug dealer who owed money to the victim, armed himself with a shotgun and confronted the victim who was unarmed. The defendant pointed a sawed off shotgun at the victim's chest and pulled the trigger. He then fled the scene.

The case was investigated by Detective Matthew Davis of the Monterey County Sheriff's Office.

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