A SALINAS JURY HAS CONVICTED ROBERT TINO ARMENDARIZ OF MURDER IN THE 1ST DEGREE, AS WELL AS DISSUADING A WITNESS. ARMENDARIZ WAS CONVICTED OF MURDERING 24-YEAR-OLD ERNESTO SOTO JUNIOR ON AUGUST 17TH OF 2003. HE WAS ALSO FOUND GUILTY OF DISSUADING A WITNESS TO THE MURDER, WHILE USING A KNIFE. IN AUGUST OF LAST YEAR AN EYEWITNESS CAME FORWARD AND ASSISTED POLICE IN LOCATING SOTO?S BODY (OFF SAN LUCAS ROAD BY FORT HUNTER LIGGETT). THE JUDGE SET A SENTENCING DATE OF OCTOBER 21ST. ARMENDIARIZ FACES A MAXIMUM PUNISHMENT OF 2 SEPARATE LIFE SENTENCES.