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MADERA, CA. – District Attorney David A. Linn announced today that Sonny Martinez, age 24, of Madera, was sentenced on November 5, 2015, to serve 180 days in jail and five years on probation for grand theft. Martinez was convicted of violating Penal Code section 487 (grand theft). He was also ordered to comply with various other conditions of probation and ordered to pay \$20,000.00 restitution to Going Nuts, a Madera nut processor.

Martinez was charged in June, 2015, after an investigation by the Madera Police Department Special Investigations Unit. Reports indicate that Martinez, while an employee of Going Nuts, was advertising almonds for sale on an internet website. Investigation revealed the almonds had been stolen from Martinez' employer and he was selling them out of the trunk of his car.

Madera County District Attorney David A. Linn praised the efforts of the Madera Police Department Special Investigations Unit. "The SIU's swift response and detailed investigation gave rise to another successful prosecution, and we will continue to vigorously prosecute suspects in order to protect the community" Linn said. He added that "the public should think twice about buying agricultural products when circumstances are suspicious."

The case was prosecuted by the District Attorney's Agricultural and Water Crimes Task Force.