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Monterey County DA won't be filing charges against Salinas surgeon

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The Monterey County District Attorney's Office said no charges will be filed against a Salinas neurosurgeon arrested last week, accused of crimes including child endangerment.

The District Attorney's Office said the case was rejected Monday as there wasn't sufficient evidence that Dr. Christopher Carver, 59, violated any criminal law.

Carver was arrested May 9 and booked into Monterey County Jail on suspicion of child endangerment, brandishing a firearm, carrying a loaded firearm and possessing a loaded firearm in a vehicle.

The Sheriff's Office has said that deputies responded at 9:43 p.m. May 9 to a domestic-dispute call at a residence within the county. Deputies learned that during a heated argument with his wife, they have said, Carver had brandished a loaded 9 mm handgun in front of his son. The Sheriff's Office has said Carver hid the gun under the seat of his Dodge Durango and tried to leave before deputies arrived.

Tom Worthington, Carver's lawyer, said today that he was notified by the District Attorney's Office of their decision on Wednesday, shortly before his client's previously scheduled arraignment time.

Worthington, who declined to comment about the case's outcome today, has previously stated that Carver has an "unblemished professional and personal record" and that during the doctor's 29-year career has developed a reputation as "one of the finest neurosurgeons in Central California."