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NEWS RELEASE

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Re: Albert Briseno Guilty Plea

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MODESTO, CALIFORNIA – Stanislaus County District Attorney James Brazelton announced today that Albert Briseno, age 18, of Modesto, pled guilty to charges of carjacking, participating in a criminal street gang, failing to appear in court, and committing felonies while out on bail on other felony charges. Deputy District Attorney Doug Maner prosecuted the case for the People.

On November 29, 2004 Briseno stole a Silverado pickup truck. Alert neighbors saw the crime occur and chased Briseno in the stolen truck into Ceres, where they were able to flag down a passing police officer. Briseno was caught by the Ceres Police department, admitted the theft, but attempted to justify it by claiming that he was fleeing from rival gang members. None of the neighbors who gave chase observed this.

Carjacking for the benefit of a criminal street gang can result in a life term of imprisonment. Due to his age he was permitted to plead to a lesser offense and avoid a life term. The Honorable Loretta Murphy-Begen sentenced Briseno to an eleven year , eight month term in prison. Briseno will be released from prison in 2015.