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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Johnny Daniel Sanchez
Receives 4 Years in State Prison for
Attacking a Patrol Deputy

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced that today that Johnny Daniel Sanchez, 38, of Modesto entered a plea of no contest to an attack on a patrol deputy in Stanislaus County and admitted having a prior conviction which falls under the "Three Strikes Law." Deputy District Attorney Robert J. Taro prosecuted the case for the People.

This case arose from an incident on February 23rd, 2007, in which Sanchez called 911 from a local market reporting that he himself was under attack. When Deputy Jeff Godfrey arrived, Sanchez violently rushed towards Deputy Godfrey. After a brief struggle, Deputy Godfrey managed to subdue Sanchez. Deputy Godfrey suffered a dislocated finger as a result of the attack by Sanchez.

Upon the entry of the plea, the Honorable Marie Sovey Silveira sentenced Sanchez to four years in state prison.

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