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NEWS RELEASE

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Re: People v. Antonio Valencia

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MODESTO, CALIFORNIA - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Antonio Rebuerta Valencia, 28, of Turlock, was convicted on May 28, 2008 after a four-day jury trial in Stanislaus County Superior Court of possession of methamphetamine for sale, transportation of methamphetamine, and possession of methamphetamine while in possession of a firearm.

On June 27, 2007, Officer Ian Rodriguez of the Turlock Police Department attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a truck being driven by Valencia. Valencia stopped the truck and fled from the scene on foot. Turlock police officers caught Valencia a short time later. In a subsequent search of the truck Valencia was driving, officers found over 70 grams of methamphetamine, a loaded .45 caliber handgun, a digital scale, cell phone and cash. Officer Rodriguez identified Valencia as the man who had fled from the traffic stop.

In a hearing before the Honorable Timothy Salter today, Valencia was found to have suffered a prior conviction for sales of methamphetamine and was sentenced to six years in state prison.

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