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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Victor Navar – 3 years in state prison
for evading the police

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Victor Navar , age 34, a transient, was convicted of evading a police officer. Navar also admitted that he had previously served a prison term. Deputy District Attorney Carolyn Matzger prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events that occurred on August 11, 2009 at about 2:00 p.m.. Navar was pulled over by police for a traffic violation. As the officer approached the vehicle, Navar sped off through a residential area. He reached speeds of 60 mph, failed to stop at a stop sign, failed to stop at a red light and forced other vehicles off the road. Navar jumped out of the car, ran away, and the car continued to roll, hitting a fence. Navar was captured later that day.

Upon entry of the no contest plea, the Honorable Judge Steffen sentenced Navar to 3 years in state prison.

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