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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Francisco Rodriguez Rodriguez
12 Years Prison for Voluntary
Manslaughter

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Francisco Rodriguez Rodriguez, age 23, of Modesto, was convicted of Manslaughter and admitted to having used a deadly weapon. Deputy District Attorney Richard Gore prosecuted the case on behalf of the People.

The case arose out of events which occurred just after midnight on December 23, 2007, when Rodriguez and the victim, Jose Andrade-Juarez, strangers to each other, crossed paths at the intersection of Hatch Road and Ustick Road in Modesto. A dispute arose and Rodriguez stabbed the victim who died from the stab wound.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable Judge Zeff sentenced the defendant to 12 years in state prison, the maximum sentence possible for the crime.

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