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**PRESS RELEASE**

**For Immediate Release**

Date: January 20, 2009  
Re: Abel Rosas – Struggle with officer sends  
defendant to prison for four years.

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**Modesto, California** - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Abel Rosas, 25, of Modesto, was convicted of being a felon in possession of a firearm, resisting a peace officer causing serious bodily injury, and having a prior commitment to state prison.

On August 31, 2008, Rosas ran from officers trying to arrest him on a warrant. During his flight, Rosas tripped, fell and dropped a handgun he had retrieved from his waistband. When an officer caught up to Rosas, the officer used force to get Rosas to submit to the arrest and to prevent Rosas from regaining control of the handgun that was still near Rosas. During the struggle, the officer's leg was broken. Prior to August 31, 2008, the defendant had been convicted of two felonies, grand theft from a person and auto theft, and was therefore prohibited from possessing any firearm.

Upon the entry of Rosas's plea, the Honorable Timothy Salter sentenced Rosas to four years in state prison.