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**NEWS RELEASE**

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Re: People v. Daniel Paul Vargas

Four Years Prison for Possession of Substances  
To Manufacture Methamphetamine

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MODESTO, CALIFORNIA - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced that Daniel Paul Vargas, 45, of Modesto, was convicted on June 2, 2009 of Possession of Substances to Manufacture Methamphetamine.

On November 6, 2008, at 9:00 p.m., a deputy sheriff was on patrol in Empire when he saw Daniel Vargas riding without a light attached to his bicycle. As the deputy approached him, Vargas threw a plastic bag to the ground. The deputy collected the bag and found it contained a prescription bottle, a can of acetone, a bottle of hydrogen peroxide, a bottle of ephedrine based liquid, a cooking pan, and a funnel. Inside the prescription bottle, there were four plastic bags containing iodine. Vargas admitted he was delivering the items to a friend in order to help him manufacture methamphetamine.

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