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**PRESS RELEASE**

**For Immediate Release**

Date: February 5, 2010  
Re: Manuel Gonzales  
7 Years Prison for Multiple  
Charges

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**Modesto, California** - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Manuel Gonzales, age 22, of Keyes, was convicted on February 5, 2010 of evading a peace officer, driving under the influence of alcohol, grand theft, two counts of petty theft with a prior conviction of theft, terrorist threats, attempted robbery, and being out on bail when he committed this crime. Deputy District Attorney Sandra Bishop prosecuted the case for the People.

On January 17, 2009, a California Highway patrolman attempted to perform a traffic stop on a vehicle being driven by Gonzales. Gonzales failed to yield and led officers on a high speed pursuit through Stanislaus County that ended in the area of Prescott and Bangs roads. Gonzales's blood alcohol level was .16. Gonzales was arrested and posted bail.

On July 20, 2009, Gonzales entered the Target Store at 3000 Countryside Drive, Turlock and stole two X boxes. On July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009, Gonzales entered Kragen Auto Parts at 2200 W. Monte Vista and demanded money from a cashier, showing her what appeared to be a gun. Gonzales fled when the cashier was unable to open her register. On August 7, 2009, Gonzales stole beer and a bouquet of flowers from Food Maxx at 1845 Countryside Drive. On August 3, 2009, at Costco on Pelandale Road, Modesto, Gonzales stole Wii video games from Costco. He returned on August 10 and attempted to break into cars in the Costco parking lot. When confronted by Costco employees, Gonzales threatened them and attempted to slash them with his keys.

Upon entry of the pleas, the Honorable Nancy Ashley sentenced Gonzales to seven years in state prison.

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