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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Ramon Avalos
4 Years Prison for Child Endangerment
And Evading Police

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Ramon Avalos, age 27, of Patterson, was sentenced to four years in prison following his plea to charges of felony child endangerment and evading a police officer on September 15, 2008. Deputy District Attorney Annette Rees prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events which occurred on May 10, 2008 on Highway 99 in Stanislaus County. CHP Officers saw Avalos's vehicle making unsafe lane changes and speeding on the freeway which caused them to follow his car as he exited the freeway. Avalos initially pulled over for the traffic stop, however when officers approached the car on foot, Avalos suddenly pulled away. Unknown to the officers at that moment, Avalos was a parolee-at-large who had just told his girlfriend that he "wasn't going back to prison." Another passenger in the car was an 11-year-old girl who was under the girlfriend's care. Avalos proceeded to lead officers on a dangerous chase, including running red lights, speeding, and passing between two cars traveling in adjacent lanes. When Avalos was unable to negotiate a turn due to his speed, the car stopped and Avalos took off on foot. Officers quickly apprehended him.

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