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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Mark Anthony Chapa
9 Years Prison for Drug Charges and
Petty Theft with Prior Theft
Convictions

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Mark Anthony Chapa, age 47, of Modesto, was convicted on January 27, 2011 of Transportation of Heroin, Petty Theft with Prior Theft Convictions, Possession of Methamphetamine for Sale, admitted having been out on bail at the time of the Transportation of Heroin Charge, and admitted having served four prior prison terms. Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey M. Laugero prosecuted the case for the People.

On June 12, 2007, during a search warrant service at a home on Gardner St., Modesto, Chapa was found to be in possession of three baggies of meth and drug paraphernalia. Further search revealed indicia of sales.

On June 1, 2009, Chapa was involved in a traffic collision in Modesto. During the investigation into the collision, it was determined that Chapa was unlicensed. A search of Chapa's car revealed three bindles of heroin. Indicia of sales was later located during a search of Chapa's residence.

On November 8, 2010, Chapa was in the Target store on Sisk Rd. While there, he selected a pair of sunglasses and placed them on his hat. He also selected and concealed a 4G memory card. The items totaled \$35.98. Chapa left the store without paying for the items and was stopped outside the store by loss prevention officers. Chapa was found to have several prior theft related convictions dating back to the 1980's. At the time of the offense, Chapa was out on bail for the two drug cases.

The Honorable Judge Dawna Reeves sentenced Chapa to 9 years in state prison.

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