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**PRESS RELEASE**

**For Immediate Release**

Date: May 30, 2014  
Re: Assault with a Semi-Automatic  
Firearm on a police officer; Conviction

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**Modesto, California** - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Jorge Mendoza, age 28, of Waterford, was convicted on February 18, 2014 of Assault with a Semi-Automatic Firearm on a police officer. Mendoza also admitted to a gun enhancement as well as a prior strike conviction for felony assault with a gang enhancement. Deputy District Attorney Meghan Greerty prosecuted the case.

On February 2, 2011, at approximately 3:40 am, an officer from the Ceres Police Department contacted Mendoza at the AM/PM Market on the corner of Service Road and Mitchell Road. An altercation ensued between Mendoza, who was on parole at the time and hiding a gun, and the officer. During the fight, while the officer's back was turned, Mendoza fired on the police officer. As Mendoza was fleeing the scene, he fired off another round and escaped. The officer was uninjured.

After a two-day manhunt, law enforcement officials from multiple agencies throughout the county apprehended Mendoza at a farm house in Hughson. Mendoza and officers exchanged gunfire. Mendoza was hit and later surrendered to officials.

Upon entry of a no contest plea, Judge Ricardo Cordova sentenced Jorge Mendoza to 25 years in state prison.

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