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NEWS RELEASE

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Re: Adan Rangel Arrest

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MODESTO, CALIFORNIA – Stanislaus County District Attorney James Brazelton announced today Adan Rangel has been arrested on felony charges alleging witness intimidation for the benefit of a street gang and criminal threats with enhancements that the crimes were committed for the benefit of a street gang.

The complaint alleges that in November of 2004 and January of 2005 Rangel intimidated several persons related to the felony prosecution of his brother, Oscar Rangel. At the time, Oscar Rangel was being prosecuted in Stanislaus County Superior Court for several counts of felonious assault for the benefit of a street gang.

Rangel was arrested today on a \$250,000 warrant. At the time of his arrest, various items believed to be Norteno gang paraphernalia were taken from inside Rangel's house and booked into evidence. He is currently in custody at the Stanislaus County jail.

The District Attorneys office intends to aggressively prosecute any gang member who tries to intimidate victims or witnesses in any criminal case. Such activity should not and will not be tolerated in Stanislaus County.

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