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Re: Riann Lee Scarbrough Ochoa

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MODESTO, CALIFORNIA –

Riann Lee Scarbrough Ochoa, 27, entered guilty pleas to 15 felony counts of furnishing methamphetamine to Stanislaus County Jail inmates between May 15th and June 17th 2003. She also pled to one count of burglary and one count of possessing methamphetamine, both felonies. Deputy District Attorney Beth Owen prosecuted the cases.

While investigating a homicide, Detective Ed Campbell, of the Stanislaus Sheriff's Department, received information that Scarbrough Ochoa was mailing methamphetamine-soaked letters and envelopes to the jail in 2003. She mailed to several inmates at the Public Safety Center and the Men's Jail, downtown. Deputies at the jail intercepted the letters. Upon further investigation by Detective Campbell, Scarbrough Ochoa was arrested.

Additionally, in a separate case, Scarbrough Ochoa pled guilty to entering Mervyn's, in Turlock, and stealing clothing on August 29, 2004. She also plead guilty to possessing methamphetamine on December 31, 2004.

Scarbrough Ochoa will be sentenced to 2 years 8 months in State Prison next month.