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Re: Noel Renteria – Methamphetamine

User sent to prison for 16 months

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Noel Renteria, age 26, of Keyes, entered a no contest plea to the felony offense of possession of methamphetamine. The defendant's prior "strike" conviction was dismissed in exchange for the plea. Deputy District Attorney Carolyn Matzger prosecuted the case for the People.

On April 3, 2009, when a patrol car passed the vehicle in which the defendant was seated, the defendant threw a baggie down onto the floorboard and tried to crush the contents of the baggie. Officers were able to retrieve a small amount of methamphetamine from the baggie and the floorboard.

Upon entry of the no contest plea, the Honorable Judge Whiteside sentenced defendant to the agreed upon term of 16 months in state prison.