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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: People v. Gabriel Joseph Sanchez

Possession of Methamphetamine and

Resisting Arrest Results in 2 years prison

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Gabriel Joseph Sanchez, age 30, of San Jose was convicted on March 2, 2009 for possession of methamphetamine and resisting arrest.

The incident that led to Sanchez's arrest occurred on February 20, 2009 when he was spotted driving his car with expired tags in Newman. When Newman officers tried to pull him over for the simple traffic violation he chose to evade them and then ran from his car after stopping. When he was arrested after a short foot pursuit, he was found to have methamphetamine in his pocket. Sanchez was on parole at the time for a 2006 conviction of felony evading and felon in possession of a firearm.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable Donald E. Shaver sentenced Sanchez to two years in state prison.

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