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Date: March 15, 2011 Re: Juan Cruz 1426359 Carol Shipley, Assistant District Attorney Phone: (209) 525-5550

**Modesto, California** - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Juan Cruz, age 31, of Modesto was convicted on April 15, 2011 of battery causing serious bodily injury, possession of a gun by a felon, possession of hashish, and possession of methamphetamine. Deputy District Attorney Carolyn Matzger prosecuted the case for the People.

On November 22, 2010, Cruz started to hit his girlfriend. To protect herself, she put her arms up in front of her face. When Cruz hit her arms, he broke them both. On November 27, 2010, officers found Cruz at his home. They searched his bedroom and found a loaded gun, hashish and methamphetamine.

The Honorable Judge John Freeland sentenced Cruz to 4 years and 4 months in state prison.

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