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Date: February 23, 2011 Re: Miguel Esparza – Drug

Re: Miguel Esparza – Drug Dealer Sentenced to 4 Years Prison Carol Shipley, Assistant District Attorney Phone: (209) 525-5550

Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Miguel Esparza, age 20, of Modesto, was sentenced by the Honorable Scott Steffen on February 22, 2011 to 4 years in state prison of Manufacturing Methamphetamine, Selling Methamphetamine, and Possession of Methamphetamine for Sale following a jury trial verdict on January 14, 2011. Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey M. Laugero prosecuted the case for the People.

On September 4, 2009 officers of the Modesto Police Department Narcotic Enforcement Team observed Esparza sell methamphetamine. As a result, a search warrant was served at Esparza's residence where officers located items commonly used for the manufacture of methamphetamine as well as approximately two ounces of methamphetamine.

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