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**PRESS RELEASE**

**For Immediate Release**

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Re: Andrew Paul Chito Miranda

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**Modesto, California** - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Andrew Paul Chito Miranda, age 21, of Modesto was convicted on February 15, 2012 of possession of marijuana for sale, false personation, and possession of methamphetamine. Miranda also admitted having previously served a prior prison term and admitted committing an offense while released on bail. Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey M. Laugero prosecuted the case for the People.

On June 10, 2011, detectives with the Central Valley Gang Impact Task Force contacted Miranda as he was walking in the roadway impeding traffic in Empire on Yosemite Boulevard. When contacted, Miranda was in possession of another person's identification card. Miranda identified himself as the person listed on the identification card. The officers determined that the person on the identification card was on federal probation and subject to search. Upon searching Miranda, officers found a large amount of marijuana and packaging material. Miranda was arrested and his true identity was discovered. Miranda was on parole at the time of his arrest. Miranda posted bail.

While out of custody on bail, Miranda was contacted by a Sheriff's deputy near a bar in Empire. Miranda admitted to possessing methamphetamine. The methamphetamine was recovered from Miranda along with a glass smoking pipe. Miranda was arrested for the violation.

Judge Scott Steffen sentenced Miranda to 5 years and 8 months local prison. Under California's new realignment laws, Miranda was ordered to serve 4 years and 8 months of his time in custody in the county jail with the remaining one year spent under mandatory supervision by the Probation Department.

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