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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Ricardo Solis
Sex Offender Jury Trial Conviction

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Ricardo Solis, age 50, of Ceres, has been convicted of Felony Failure to Register as a Sex Offender. Deputy District Attorney Erin Peck prosecuted the case on behalf of the People.

Ricardo Solis is a convicted rapist who was most recently sentenced to 18 years in prison for two counts of felony assault with a deadly weapon causing great bodily injury. After serving his prison time, Solis absconded from supervision upon being released. He was eventually arrested for violating his parole.

Parole Agents notified Ceres Police in March of 2017 that Solis was in custody on a parole hold and that he may be out of compliance with his annual sex registration requirement. Solis's previous rape conviction required that he register his current address information with law enforcement every year within five working days of his birthday. When police investigated, it was determined that Solis had not registered at all since September 30, 2015, thus failing to register for the entirety of 2016. When interviewed, Solis admitted that he knew he was required to register, but did not want to because he knew about the outstanding parole warrant and did not want to go back to prison.

On August 30, 2017, Solis was convicted of felony failing to register as a sex offender after a one-day jury trial in front of Judge Ricardo Cordova. The jury also found true that Solis had been previously convicted of rape and twice convicted of assault with a deadly weapon causing serious bodily injury, all "Strike" offenses under California's "Three Strikes" law making Solis eligible for increased punishment.

Solis faces a potential maximum sentence of 27 years-to-life in state prison when he returns to court on October 30, 2017 in Department 8 at 8:30 a.m. for sentencing before Judge Cordova.

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