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**NEWS RELEASE**

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Re: Tyson Michael Silva and Jose Manuel Silva

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MODESTO, CALIFORNIA - Stanislaus County Assistant District Attorney Carol Shipley announced today that felony criminal charges of grand theft and a sentencing enhancement of theft in excess of \$150,000.00 have been filed against Tyson Michael Silva, 31, of Hilmar, and Jose Manuel Silva, 40, of Oakdale. The charges arise out of an investigation conducted by Detective Charles Hale of the Newman Police Department regarding a series of continuous thefts from the F & A Cheese Plant in Newman. Tyson Silva, a milk delivery driver for Serpa and Sons Transport, was responsible for transporting milk owned by F & A Cheese from local dairies to the cheese plant. Beginning in October 2004, Tyson Silva began giving 2000 to 3000 gallons of his daily delivery of milk to Jose Silva, owner of J M Dairy, in exchange for cash payments. Jose Silva would then sell the milk back to F & A Cheese. The loss to F & A Cheese has been calculated to be approximately \$1,000,000. Both Tyson Silva and Jose Silva were arrested by Detective Hale. Deputy District Attorney Shawn Barlow is prosecuting the cases.

Tyson Silva has been arraigned and his next court appearance is scheduled for November 14, 2005. Jose Silva has a further arraignment scheduled for October 21, 2005. Both defendants face of maximum of five years in state prison.

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