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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

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Re: Mario Ordaz

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County Assistant District Attorney Carol Shipley announced today that Mario Ordaz, 30, of Modesto, was sentenced to eleven years in prison for brandishing a firearm while fleeing a peace officer and for being a felon in possession of a firearm. Deputy District Attorney John Mayne prosecuted the case.

The case arose out of events which occurred on March 1, 2004, in the city of Modesto. Mr. Ordaz ran from Modesto Police Department Officer Rigo DeAlba at the Quality Inn on Orangeburg Avenue. Officer DeAlba testified that during the chase, Ordaz began turning his gun - a loaded semi-automatic handgun - toward Officer DeAlba. In response, Officer DeAlba shot Ordaz in the side; Ordaz did not fire his weapon. Defendant suffered permanent nerve damage to his right arm and hand.

Ordaz was sentenced Monday, June 5. He was convicted by a jury on May 5, 2006 of the brandishing charge; he had previously pled guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. Ordaz also admitted a prior "strike" conviction under the Three Strikes Law as well as a prior prison commitment. He will serve approximately 80% of the eleven-year sentence.