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PRESS RELEASE

**For immediate release**

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Re: Probation Search results  
in prison sentence  
#1226320

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**MODESTO, CALIFORNIA** - Stanislaus County District Attorney, Birgit Fladager, announced that Manuel Cabrera Garcia, age 38, of Modesto, was sentenced to state prison after a pretrial hearing in Department 7 of the Superior Court before Judge Donald Shaver. Deputy District Attorney, Abel C.K. Hung, of the District Attorney's Major Narcotic Vendor Prosecution Unit prosecuted the case on behalf of the People.

On April 18, 2007, Stanislaus County probation officers assigned to the Adult High Risk Unit conducted a probation search at Garcia's home in Modesto. Garcia was on felony probation at the time after being convicted in August of 2006 of felony possession of drugs for sale (case # 1106334). Probation officers located Garcia and in his garage found a quantity of suspected crystal methamphetamine and indicia of narcotic sales. Upon discovery of the controlled substances, probation officers contacted narcotics agents with the Stanislaus Drug Enforcement Agency (SDEA). After an investigation was conducted, Garcia was charged in Stanislaus County Superior Court with possessing methamphetamine for the purpose of sale.

At a pretrial hearing today, Garcia pled no contest to violating California Health & Safety Code section 11378, possession of methamphetamine for the purpose of sale. Garcia also admitted having numerous prior drug convictions and also that he had suffered a serious or violent felony "Strike" conviction for felony Assault in 1989. Judge Donald Shaver then sentenced Garcia to serve a total prison commitment of twenty-one (21) years in state prison. With his prior convictions, Garcia must serve at least 80% of his sentence in prison custody before becoming eligible for parole.