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PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

Date: October 27, 2008
Re: Ruben Castaneda – Felon
In Possession of Firearm Plea Nets
16 Months Prison

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Ruben Castaneda , age 22 , of Modesto, entered a plea of no contest on October 27, 2008 to being a felon in possession of a firearm. Deputy District Attorney Tracy Roland prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events which occurred on October 17, 2008 in the city of Modesto. During a petty theft investigation, Modesto police officers located a sawed off shotgun in the van where the defendant had been a passenger. The defendant had previous felony convictions, including having served two prior prison terms, and is prohibited by law from possessing a firearm.

Upon entry of the no contest plea, the Honorable Donald Shaver sentenced the defendant to 16 months in state prison.

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