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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced that Miguel Araiza Chacon, age 35, of Modesto, was sentenced today to 11 years in prison after entering a plea on September 18, 2008 to the charge of attempted murder. Deputy District Attorney Nathan Baker prosecuted the case.

The case arose out of events which occurred on January 27, 2007 in the city of Modesto, when Chacon went to the residence of his estranged girlfriend. The girlfriend's brother came out of the house and confronted Chacon. Chacon pulled a gun and shot the brother multiple times. The brother underwent surgery and survived the shooting. Chacon was sentenced to 7 years in prison for the attempted murder charge, plus 4 additional years for using a firearm during the commission of the offense. Because this crime is a "violent" felony, Chacon will have to serve 85% of his 11 year sentence.

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