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Re: The People v. Cornelio Sanchez Torres.
Case No. 1246086

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MODESTO, CALIFORNIA - Stanislaus County District Attorney, Birgit Fladager, announced that Cornelio Sanchez Torres of Modesto pled no contest to possession of a dangerous or deadly weapon on September 12, 2008. Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey M. Laugero prosecuted the case on behalf of the People.

The case arose out of events that occurred on June 6, 2008 in Turlock. During an unrelated investigation, a search was conducted at Torres' residence. The search led to the discovery of a hard rubber club, commonly referred to as a "billy", concealed under a mattress in the residence. Torres admitted ownership of the club, and was arrested for possession of the weapon, classified as a dangerous or deadly weapon under Penal Code Section 12020.

The Honorable Donald E. Shaver sentenced Torres to state prison for 16 months.