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**PRESS RELEASE**

**For Immediate Release**

Date: October 7, 2009  
Re: Urbano Chavez – Conviction for  
Possession of Methamphetamine

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Urbano Ortiz, age 48, of Turlock was found guilty after a 5-day jury trial. Deputy District Attorney Shawn Barlow prosecuted the case for the People.

Agents with the Merced Narcotics Task Force served a search warrant on February 20, 2007 at the home of Chavez in Turlock. In the home, agents found 5 grams of methamphetamine located in a sock on the kitchen table as well as less than a gram of methamphetamine on a television stand in the master bedroom. In addition, a digital scale and plastic bags for packaging methamphetamine were found. In the master bedroom, agents found a 9mm handgun and over \$11,000 in cash. A sawed-off shotgun was found in a second bedroom.

Upon receiving the guilty verdict, the Honorable Marie Sovey Silveira scheduled a sentencing hearing on November 5, 2009. Ortiz faces a maximum of three years in state prison.

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