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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Israel Gonzalez
Six Years Prison for Carjacking and
Inflicting Great Bodily Injury

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Israel Gonzalez, age 18, of Fresno, was convicted of carjacking and personally inflicting great bodily injury on the victim of the carjacking. Deputy District Attorney John Baker prosecuted the case for the People.

On June 15th, 2009 in the city of Turlock, Gonzalez was living at a group home in Turlock. Gonzalez and another group home resident kicked and punched the 60 year-old female caretaker employed by the group home to watch over the residents. Gonzalez and the other involved resident then took the victim's vehicle and fled to Fresno. They were apprehended within two days of the beating. The victim has since recovered from her injuries. Both of the defendants were 17 years old at the time of the attack.

Upon entry of the no contest plea, the Honorable Scott Steffen sentenced Gonzalez to six years in state prison. The co-defendant will be back in court on November 6, 2009 for jury trial setting.