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**PRESS RELEASE**

**For Immediate Release**

Date: August 24, 2009  
Re: Jose Louis Mendez – Five years in state  
prison for violating Probation

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**Modesto, California** - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Jose Louis Mendez, age 24, of Modesto, was sentenced to five years in state prison for violating the terms of his probation for failing to report monthly to his probation officer and failing to abstain from the use of narcotics. This was Mendez's second violation of probation.

On February 28, 2007, Mendez was convicted of cultivating marijuana for the benefit of the Norteno Criminal Street Gang. He was sentenced to 365 days in jail and, upon release, Mendez was ordered to report to his probation officer every month and to abstain from the use of narcotics.

Mendez's Probation Officer testified that Mendez stopped reporting after June of 2008 and tested positive for marijuana and methamphetamine on three separate occasions.

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