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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Peter Valenzuela Moreno, Jr.
And Neneb I. Haddad-Prison Sentences

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Peter Valenzuela Moreno, Jr., age 20, of Ceres, was convicted on September 30, 2009 of First Degree Burglary, Grand Theft, and Two Counts of Receiving Stolen Property. He was also convicted of Evading a Peace Officer and Possession of a Concealed Weapon. Neneb I. Haddad, age 23, of Modesto, was also convicted on September 30, 2009 of Receiving Stolen Property. Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey M. Laugero prosecuted the case for the People.

On August 12, 2008, during a follow-up investigation regarding vandalism and theft from the airport, a stolen generator was located in a vehicle at an apartment complex in Ceres. Deputies and officers observed Moreno, another male, and two females get into the vehicle. The officers attempted to stop the vehicle, but Moreno failed to stop, pulled over to the right, slowed and allowed his male passenger to get out and run from the vehicle. The male passenger was caught after a short foot chase. Moreno continued driving and failed to yield to the pursuing officers. Moreno finally pulled over at a gas station near Mitchell and Fowler Road and surrendered. During a search of the vehicle, officers found a handgun that had been stolen from a residential burglary in Salida.

Detectives then returned to the apartment, where they had first seen the vehicle, to conduct a search. Several items stolen from a Salida self-storage facility and from the Salida home, including a Chihuahua puppy, were found in the apartment. The puppy was returned to her 5-year-old owner. Moreno was booked and posted bail.

On November 4, 2008, while out on bail, Moreno was arrested again for stealing delivery packages left at a residence. An alert delivery man recognized Moreno's vehicle as the suspect vehicle in a prior package theft. Modesto Police officers responded and stopped the vehicle. Moreno along with the same male and females were inside the vehicle. Moreno admitted involvement in four package thefts, one of which was reported on September 29, 2008. Moreno said he needed money in his pocket and to pay his bondsman. He was arrested and posted bail.

On April 7, 2009, again while out on bail, Moreno committed a residential burglary on Beechwood in Ceres. During the investigation by Ceres Police, the victim's neighbors were able to provide a description of the suspect and the suspect vehicle. On April 8, 2009, a Ceres Police Sergeant spotted the suspect vehicle with Moreno driving and Haddad as a passenger. Moreno was identified as the person who burglarized the home. Property stolen during the burglary was found in the car. Moreno was arrested again and booked into jail, where he remained in custody and was unable to make bail. Haddad was also arrested. Haddad has served a term in state prison for attempted robbery.

Upon entry of the guilty pleas, the Honorable Nancy Ashley sentenced Moreno to 4 years in state prison. She also sentenced Haddad to 16 months in state prison. The co-defendant in Moreno's other cases is currently pending charges.

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