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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Fidel Raul Topete
3 Years in State Prison
Assault Charges

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Fidel Raul Topete, age 35, of Modesto, was convicted on November 19, 2009 of Assault Likely to Produce Great Bodily Injury and Assault on a Peace Officer Likely to Produce Great Bodily Injury. Deputy District Attorney Rick Mury prosecuted the case for the People.

On July 21, 2009 in Modesto, an ice cream vendor's cart was stolen. When the vendor came back with his friends to reclaim the ice cream cart, Topete and his associates assaulted the ice cream vendor and his friends.

On September 22, 2009 in the Stanislaus County Jail, Topete attacked another inmate while they were both in custody. When a deputy responded, Topete turned on the deputy and assaulted him as well.

Upon entry of the no contest plea, the Honorable Judge John Freeland sentenced Topete to 3 years in state prison.

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