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**PRESS RELEASE**

**For Immediate Release**

Date: November 1, 2010  
Re: Robert Gallegos aka Waln  
Assault With Deadly Weapon  
Nets 14 Years State Prison

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**Modesto, California** - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Robert Gallegos, aka Robert Waln, age 48, of Turlock, was convicted on November 1, 2010 of assault with a deadly weapon, possession of an illegal weapon, and failure to register as a transient sex offender. He also admitted having caused great bodily injury, having committed a prior serious felony, and having served two prior prison terms. Deputy District Attorney Brad Nix prosecuted the case for the People.

On January 28, 2010 in Turlock, Gallegos maliciously slashed the female victim's left cheek with a knife for no reason in front of another witness. As a result, the victim received a permanent approximate 2-inch scar on her left cheek. Turlock Police Officer Nate Urban met the victim at Emanuel Hospital that night and began investigating the case. Two days later, Officer Urban arrested Gallegos at the house where this occurred. Gallegos was still in possession of the knife he used to slash the victim and metal knuckles. In addition, Gallegos had failed to register as a sex offender with the Turlock Police Department.

The Honorable Timothy Salter sentenced Gallegos to 14 years in state prison.

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