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**PRESS RELEASE**

**For Immediate Release**

Date: July 12, 2010  
Re: David Zaragoza  
Robber Sentenced to 15 Years Prison

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**Modesto, California** - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that David Zaragoza, age 23, of Empire, was convicted on July 9, 2010 of robbery with a related gun enhancement and was sentenced by the Honorable Scott Steffen to 15 years in prison. Deputy District Attorney Randy Fischer prosecuted the case for the People.

On September 19, 2008, at approximately 8:45 pm, two armed men entered and robbed the El Sumeri Market at 6132 Terminal Ave. in Riverbank. They were both described as armed with handguns at the time and used the guns to force the victim to open the cash register. The two men ran to a waiting car which fled south from the area. An unidentified citizen assisted the store owner victim in describing the automobile and direction of travel. Dep. Cody Williams was on Terminal Ave. in Modesto and saw a vehicle matching the description drive by his location. He attempted to pull behind the vehicle and it began to speed away. He activated his lights and sirens and the suspect vehicle fled through residential neighborhoods in excess of 70 mph. During this time, the right front passenger partially leaned out of the car and fired a handgun in the direction of the pursuing deputy without looking back. All of the discharged rounds entered the roof of the suspects' own vehicle and lodged into the rear seat area of that car. Some spent casings bounced off the deputy's patrol vehicle windshield. The suspect vehicle attempted to make a left turn at Sylvan and Aria Way, but was going too fast and crashed into a wall. All three subjects fled the vehicle on foot. A couple of neighborhood citizens saw the suspects run into residential yards. John Cosentino and Zaragoza were apprehended near one another hiding under bushes along a fence. Jose Rocha was apprehended in a back yard on another block after a citizen directed deputies there. \$1873 in cash was found in a garbage can near where Cosentino and Zaragoza were hiding. A black beanie was also found on the roof of the residence where they were hiding. DNA testing connected the beanie to Zaragoza. Clothing associated with the robbers was found in the car as well as one semi-automatic handgun.

Previously, Rocha entered pleas of guilty to robbery and reckless evading on January 19, 2010 and received a state prison sentences of eleven years and eight months. Cosentino entered a plea of guilty to robbery and received a sentence of seven years in prison.