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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: People v. Carlos Mateo

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Carlos Mateo, age 16, of Ceres, was sentenced to 21 years in state prison following his no contest plea to voluntary manslaughter and his admission that he personally used a firearm during the crime. Mateo will be remanded to the California Youth Authority until he turns 18 and will, thereafter, be housed at the Department of Corrections. Given the nature and circumstances of the offense, Mateo was charged as an adult. Deputy District Attorney John Baker prosecuted the case for the People.

On July 11, 2010 in the city of Ceres, Mateo, then 15, was living with a brother and a friend at a home in Ceres. The victim, Michael Chandler, 56, was spending the night on a couch in the home. A disagreement arose between Mateo and the victim. Mateo retrieved a gun from a nearby room and shot the victim once in the head. The victim walked to the entrance of the Ceres Police station where he was found by officers. He was transported to a local hospital and later succumbed to his injury.

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