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**NEWS RELEASE**

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Re: Cardenas, Morones, et al.

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MODESTO, CALIFORNIA – Stanislaus County District Attorney James C. Brazelton announced today that Luis Antonio Cardenas, 20, Shawn Michael Morones, 23, Joseph Patrick Manson, 21, Ali Sena Safdari, 23 and Benhur Valdemar Salvador, 20, all from Tracy, were charged with the premeditated and deliberate Attempted Murder of two Modesto Police Officers. Cardenas was also charged with personally using a baton as a deadly and dangerous weapon, assault and unlawful touching of another. If convicted, all are facing 15 years to life in prison. Cardenas would be facing an extra year for the use of the weapon for a total of 16 years to life.

All five defendants will return to court on May 5 to determine if they have been able to hire their own attorneys.

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