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Re:

District Attorney James C. Brazelton confirmed today, that as part of his Office's ongoing investigation into allegations of wrongdoing by City of Modesto Mayor Carmen Sabatino, search warrants were served Tuesday February 18, 2003, on several locations.

These searches are aimed at helping to firmly resolve whether or not wrongdoing occurred. This step is not taken lightly and is done because it is critical to the public's faith in local government that allegations such as were made in this situation are fully investigated and addressed. Accordingly, at the end of this investigation, the District Attorney will report on the findings in an appropriate manner.