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**NEWS RELEASE**

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Re: Justin Bello

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MODESTO, CALIFORNIA – Assistant District Attorney Carol Shipley announced today that Justin Bello, 21, of Modesto, was arraigned yesterday on three counts of assault with a deadly weapon on three police officers, driving a stolen vehicle, possession of methamphetamine, felon in possession of a firearm and one out-on-bail enhancement. Bail was set at \$500,000. The incident occurred in the city of Modesto. Bello was wanted for failing to appear in court on July 28, 2005. Charges in that case are three counts of driving a stolen vehicle, evading a police officer and two counts of resisting arrest.

On May 15, 2005, Bello was allegedly seen stealing a trailer loaded with new cars and then driving one of the cars off the trailer. He then led police on a chase which ended with Bello swam across a canal evading the police. Bello was arrested on these charges on June 26, 2005, and booked into jail on \$20,000 bail. Officers requested bail be increased to \$90,000 which was granted. When Bello was arraigned, the information regarding the increase was not in the court's file and the judge set bail at the bail schedule amount of \$10,000. Bello posted bail on that case.

Bello was also arraigned yesterday on another case arising out of an incident on April 11, 2005 in which he is charged with making terrorist threats. Bail was set in that case at \$500,000. Bello's next court date is August 31, 2005.

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