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For immediate release

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Re: Ramon Guardaro and Monica Arias

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County Assistant District Attorney Carol Shipley announced today that Monica Arias, age 21, of Modesto and Ramon Guardado, age, 22, of Modesto were arraigned for the murder during a robbery of Joseph Badal on Wednesday May 10, 2006. It was also alleged that Guardado personally used a knife during the murder.

Judge Edward M. Lacy ordered that Arias and Guardado be held without bail. Detective Jon McQueary is the lead investigator for the Sheriff's Department and Deputy District Attorney Arral A. Phipps is prosecuting the case. If convicted of murder during a robbery Arias and Guardado face 25 years to life in prison.