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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

Date: December 3, 2008
Re: Andres Gonzales 1244576
and 1229286—Prison
sentence for negligent
discharge of a firearm and
possession with intent to
sell Pseudoephedrine

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that ANDRES GONZALES, age 24, of Modesto, was sentenced by the Honorable John Freeland to 2 years and 8 months in state prison on December 3, 2008, after GONZALES pled guilty to Grossly Negligent Discharge of a Firearm and Possession of Pseudoephedrine with the Intent To Sell.

On August 16, 2006, Mr. Gonzales discharged 4 rounds from his 9 millimeter pistol in the presence of approximately 10 minor children and at least one adult in the front yard area of a residence in West Modesto following a landlord-tenant dispute.

On April 16, 2008, Mr. Gonzales was caught in a sting operation being conducted by Modesto Police Department drug enforcement officers. Gonzales purchased pseudoephedrine pills from four separate drug stores and was caught with the drugs in his possession after the fourth purchase. One method to illegally manufacture methamphetamine is to assemble a large quantity of pseudoephedrine pills and then follow an extraction process that produces the highly addictive and dangerous street drug methamphetamine.

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