

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Stanislaus County 832 12th Street, Suite 300 Modesto, CA 95354 Mailing address: POB 442, Modesto, CA 95353 Telephone: (209) 525-5550 Fax: (209) 525-5545

Birgit Fladager District Attorney

Carol Shipley Assistant District Attorney <u>Chief Deputy District Attorneys</u> Jerry Begen Steve Casey Alan Cassidy Dave Harris

PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

For More Information Contact:

Date: October 20, 2008

Re: Joshua Rizzi – Prison Sentence For Violation of Probation Carol Shipley, Assistant District Attorney Phone: (209) 525-5550

Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Joshua Rizzi, age 26, of Modesto admitted to violating the terms of his probation by failing to report to probation as directed, failing to abstain from drugs as directed by the Court, failing to enroll and complete a drug treatment program as directed by the Probation Officer and failing to complete an AIDS Education Program as directed by the Court. Rizzi was previously convicted of unlawful possession of methamphetamine while armed with a loaded firearm on July 3, 2006 and placed on three years of felony probation. The defendant was previously found in violation of his probation on December 14, 2006 and October 8, 2007. Upon his admission of a third probation violation, the Honorable Ricardo Cordova sentenced the defendant to two years in state prison.