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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: People vs. Miguel Angel Rodriguez
Evading a Peace Officer Nets 4
Years in State Prison

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Miguel Angel Rodriguez, age 40, of Modesto, entered a plea of no contest to a felony violation of evading a peace officer and admitted he had previously been convicted of first degree burglary, a serious felony. Deputy District Attorney Dawna Frenchie prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events which occurred on October 25, 2008 in the city of Modesto. A Stanislaus County Deputy Sheriff attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a vehicle driven by Rodriguez. The vehicle matched the description of a car seen leaving a crime scene. Rodriguez led officers on a short pursuit before crashing the car into a fence and then fleeing on foot. Rodriguez was apprehended a short distance away and booked into county jail.

Upon entry of his no contest plea, the Honorable Judge Charles Stone sentenced defendant to 2 years in state prison which was then doubled to four years because of the prior serious felony conviction.

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