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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: People v. Henry Alvarado Rosales –
Kidnapping nets 17 years, 4 months in state
prison

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that HENRY ALVARADO ROSALES, age 29, of Modesto, was sentenced to state prison for 17 years and 4 months by the Honorable Judge Donald Shaver after a jury found Rosales guilty of grand theft and kidnapping on September 25, 2008. On October 6, 2008, Judge Shaver found true that the defendant had previously suffered convictions for prior serious felonies and that those priors also fell under the Three Strikes law. Deputy District Attorney Wendell Emerson prosecuted the case.

The case arose out of events which occurred on January 19, 2008 in the city of Modesto. On that date, Rosales approached the 18 year old victim who was washing his car in the driveway of his residence. Rosales forced the victim to drive to a location within Modesto. Once at that location, Rosales assaulted the victim and took some of the victim's belongings. Subsequently, the victim fled to a residence in the area and requested help. The resident assisted the victim and called police. Police arrived and searched for the suspect. Within minutes, the police apprehended Rosales in the area and arrested him.

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