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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Juan Avina – 10 years in state
Prison for multiple charges

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Juan Avina, age 26, of Fremont, was convicted of shooting at an occupied vehicle, transporting methamphetamine, and two counts of possession of a handgun by a convicted felon. Avina also admitted a violation of probation for a prior conviction of assault with force likely to produce great bodily injury.

The case of shooting at an occupied vehicle stemmed from events on December 12, 2007. Avina got into a dispute with the victim while they were inside Avina's car. The victim left Avina's vehicle and entered a passerby's vehicle. Avina fired a gun towards the other vehicle. The transportation of methamphetamine and possession of a handgun by a convicted felon occurred on September 1, 2007.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable Timothy Salter sentenced Avina to ten years in state prison.

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