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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: People v. Christian Devon Blum – Manufacturing
Methamphetamine nets 5 years and 4 months in state
prison

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MODESTO, CALIFORNIA - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced that Christian Devon Blum, 33, of Turlock, CA, was convicted of Manufacturing Methamphetamine, Furnishing Methamphetamine to a Minor, and Felon in Possession of a Firearm.

On December 15, 2008, agents with the Merced Mariposa High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Task Force served a search warrant at a mobile home located at the Magic Sands Trailer Park at 677 N. Soderquist, in the city of Turlock. Inside the mobile home, agents located the homeowner, Christian Blum, and his 17-year-old live-in girlfriend. During the search, agents discovered numerous items associated with the manufacturing of methamphetamine. These items included liquid solutions containing sodium hydroxide and solvents, red phosphorous, iodine, hydrochloric acid, a cutting agent, multiple liquid forms of methamphetamine, and cooking vessels. Task Force agents determined the methamphetamine lab was capable of producing one pound of methamphetamine per cooking cycle.

Blum, a convicted felon, was also found to have a Russian made 762-millimeter rifle with an attached bayonet in his bedroom closet. Task Force agents spoke to the 17-year-old female found in the home, and discovered Blum had been providing her with methamphetamine for approximately one year. Upon questioning, Blum admitted to providing methamphetamine to the 17-year-old, as well as manufacturing methamphetamine and ownership of the rifle.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable Thomas Zeff sentenced Blum to five years, four months in state prison.

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