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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: David Perales Duarte – 8 years in
Prison for Transportation of
Methamphetamine

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that DAVID PERALES DUARTE, age 45, of Modesto, was convicted on September 21, 2009 of felony transportation of methamphetamine.

The case arose out of events that occurred on April 3, 2009 in the city of Patterson. Duarte led police on a brief pursuit after he refused to yield to a traffic stop initiated by Stanislaus County Sheriff's deputies. After a short chase, Duarte was apprehended by the deputies. Duarte was found to be in possession of methamphetamine and cocaine.

Duarte had initially been facing a 25-years-to life sentence because his criminal history included convictions for attempted murder and robbery. Upon entry of a guilty plea and admission that he had previously been convicted of a serious felony and that he had served two prior prison terms, the Honorable Judge Ricardo Cordova sentenced Duarte to 8 years in state prison.

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