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**PRESS RELEASE**

**For Immediate Release**

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Re: Richard Ruben Garcia-  
Robber sent to prison

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Richard Ruben Garcia, age 22, of Ceres, was convicted on October 9, 2009 of robbery. Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey M. Laugero prosecuted the case for the People.

On February 20, 2009 at 6:36 am, Sheriff's deputies responded to a reported robbery and carjacking in the area of Richland Ave. in Ceres. The two victims said they were parked in the driveway of a residence drinking beer with some acquaintances. At some point, several of these acquaintances turned on the victims, beating and robbing them of their money, credit cards and car. The victims identified Richard Ruben Garcia as one of those involved. Follow-up investigation recovered the stolen vehicle a short distance from where the attack had occurred. The stereo was missing from the vehicle.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable Nancy Ashley sentenced Garcia to 2 years in state prison.

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