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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Alex Ernest Martinez-
Methamphetamine Dealer Convicted

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Alex Ernest Martinez, age 48, of Modesto, a transient, was convicted after a three-day jury trial of furnishing methamphetamine and possession of methamphetamine. Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey M. Laugero prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events that occurred on February 23, 2009. During a joint Modesto Police Department Narcotic Enforcement Team and Sheriff's Office S.T.I.N.G. unit operation in Modesto, defendant Alex Ernest Martinez sold methamphetamine to an undercover agent. Martinez was arrested and admitted furnishing crystal methamphetamine to the agent.

The defendant is alleged to have three prior felony convictions that fall under California's "Three Strikes" law. After receiving the guilty verdict, the Honorable Nancy Ashley scheduled a Court Trial for July 29, 2009 for a hearing on the prior convictions.

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