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**PRESS RELEASE**

**For Immediate Release**

Date: January 8, 2009  
Re: Gang Member Goes To Prison After  
Botched Robbery Attempt

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**Modesto, California** - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that JOSE TERAN JR., age 27, of Modesto, was sentenced to 7 years and 8 months in state prison on January 8, after pleading guilty to attempted robbery and admitting that his conduct benefited the Norteno Criminal Street Gang.

The case arose out of events which occurred on April 14, 2007. Teran and an unidentified co-defendant entered a Waterford business at approximately 6:00 pm. Teran confronted the 66-year-old female proprietor of the store and demanded money from the cash register. Teran placed his hand on the store counter while attempting to seize money from the cash register. The proprietor refused to let go of the money. After a brief struggle, Teran and his accomplice fled the business, taking nothing but leaving a palm print on the counter.

Defendant has a ten-year history of involvement with the Norteno Criminal Street Gang.

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