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**NEWS RELEASE**

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Re: People v. Jose Mendoza Vargas-3 years  
Prison for Manufacturing Methamphetamine

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MODESTO, CALIFORNIA - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced that Jose Mendoza Vargas, 27, of Turlock, was convicted on October 27, 2009 of Manufacturing Methamphetamine.

On September 4, 2009, agents with the Stanislaus County Drug Enforcement Agency served a search warrant at a single family residence located on S. Mitchell Road in the city of Turlock. Inside the home, agents located numerous items associated with the manufacturing of methamphetamine. These items included a digital scale, multiple containers of acidic chemicals, denatured alcohol, caustic soda beads, cooking vessels, glass containers, rubber tubing, and suspected methamphetamine. Agents determined the clandestine methamphetamine lab was capable of producing one to two pounds of methamphetamine.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable Thomas Zeff sentenced Vargas to three years in state prison.