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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Micah Dizney 1237536, Austin Casey
1237408 – Prison sentence for various
Felony charges

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Micah David Dizney, age 37 of Turlock, was convicted on April 19, 2010 of possession of methamphetamine for sale while armed with a firearm, grand theft person, false imprisonment, felon in possession of a firearm and possession of counterfeit currency. Austin Daniel Casey, age 33 of Atwater, was convicted of grand theft person and false imprisonment. Deputy District Attorney Shawn D. Bessey prosecuted the case for the People.

On November 11th, 2007, just outside the city of Oakdale in an unincorporated area of Stanislaus County, armed assailants pretending to be law enforcement officers entered a home and robbed the victim and his son of money and a computer. The robbers used masks and hats to conceal their identities. A subsequent investigation led Sheriff's and DA investigators to Micah Dizney and Austin Casey. A search of Dizney's residence in Turlock conducted by members of the Central Valley Gang Impact Task Force led to the seizure of drugs, weapons and counterfeit twenty dollar bills.

Upon entry of the guilty pleas, the Honorable Timothy W. Salter sentenced Dizney to ten years and Casey to four years in state prison.