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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Charles Dean Martinez
Drug Dealer Sentenced
to 7 Years in Prison

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Charles Dean Martinez, age 31, of Modesto, was convicted on July 7, 2010 of possession of methamphetamine for sale. Martinez also admitted a prior conviction for threatening to commit a crime, a “strike” under California’s “Three Strike’s” law, from February 1999 as well as a prior prison commitment in 2002 following a conviction for possession for sale of methamphetamine. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

On April 7, 2010 at around 4 p.m. on El Terino Avenue in Modesto, officers from the Modesto Police Department’s Narcotic Enforcement Team served a search warrant at Martinez’s residence. Officers located over 15 grams of methamphetamine inside a tin box in Martinez’s bedroom, one hundred 1" by 1" baggies, a stun gun, a police scanner, a cell phone, \$170, and a manual and digital scale. Martinez admitted that he supplied his girlfriend with methamphetamine so that she could sell it from his house.

Upon entry of his plea, the Honorable Nancy Ashley sentenced Martinez to seven years in state prison.