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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Miguel Andres Mascorro III
Passing Fraudulent Check Results in
7 Years Prison

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Miguel Andres Mascorro III, age 28, of Modesto, was convicted of Passing a Fraudulent Check on April 30, 2010. Mascorro also admitted having a prior felony conviction that falls under California's "Three Strikes" law and having served a prior prison term. Deputy District Attorney Samuel Getrich prosecuted the case for the People.

On March 19th, 2009 Mascorro presented a counterfeit check with the intent to cash it and used his state parole ID card to verify his identity. The bank refused to cash the check but kept photocopies of the check and ID card. Mascorro later provided that check to his parole agent. Both the name of the payor and the account number on the check were correct, but the account holder confirmed the check was fraudulent. Mascorro claimed he received the check as compensation for having dealt drugs while in prison.

The Honorable Linda McFadden sentenced Mascorro to 7 years in state prison.

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