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Re: People v. Jose Luis Vasquez Leyva

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Jose Luis Vasquez Leyva, age 27, of Newman, was convicted on June 24, 2014 of Possession of Methamphetamine and committing this crime while out on bail in two other felony cases. Deputy District Attorney Scott Uemura prosecuted the case for the People.

On March 4, 2014, Newman Police Department Corporal Gosselin stopped Leyva for numerous vehicle code violations. Corporal Gosselin determined Leyva's license was suspended and that he was on probation. Corporal Gosselin conducted a search of Leyva's car and located a small plastic baggie tied in a knot behind the front passenger seat containing methamphetamine. Leyva admitted the methamphetamine was his.

On August 30, 2013, Leyva had been convicted of Possession of Methamphetamine while armed with a firearm in one case and of Possession of Methamphetamine in a second case. He was sentenced to 240 days in county jail for both those cases to run concurrently with 2 years suspended prison. Leyva was released on bail and given a surrender date of December 2, 2013. Leyva was then given another extension to surrender to April 22, 2014 and it was during this time that was arrested for the most recent crime.

Upon entry of the no contest plea, Judge Ricardo Cordova sentenced Leyva to 3 years and 8 months in state prison.

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