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**PRESS RELEASE**

**For Immediate Release**

Date: February 9, 2015  
Re: People v. Jorge Ortega 1448244 &  
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**Modesto, California** - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Jorge Ortega, age 40, of Modesto, was convicted on February 2, 2015 of Possession of a Dagger and Evading. Ortega admitted that he was out on bail at the time of the evading offense occurred. Ortega also admitted having been previously convicted of a serious or violent felony which falls under California's Three Strikes Law. Deputy District Attorney Tracy Roland prosecuted the case for the People.

On December 23, 2011, Officers from the Modesto Police Department responded to Toys R Us regarding a shoplifting. Upon conducting a search of Ortega, two daggers were found on his person. On August 8, 2012, Officers from the Modesto Police Department attempted to stop a possible stolen vehicle being driven by Ortega. Ortega failed to yield to the Officers' lights and sirens and led police on a pursuit for approximately 4 miles, failing to yield at multiple posted stop signs and red traffic lights. Ortega abandoned the vehicle and fled on foot, but was ultimately found hiding inside a trash can nearby.

Upon entry of the no contest plea, the Honorable Ricardo Cordova sentenced Ortega to 7 years, 4 months in state prison.

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