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Date: March 14, 2016 Re: Jose Sandoval Pacheco John Goold, Public Information Liaison Phone: (209) 525-6909

Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Jose Sandoval Pacheco, age 38, of Manteca, was convicted on March 14, 2016 of felony theft of public funds. Deputy District Attorney Elaine Casillas prosecuted the case for the People.

Between June 14th, 2014 and June 17th, 2015, Pacheco worked as a custodial deputy for the Stanislaus County Sheriff's department. An internal investigation by the Sheriff revealed that during that time period, Pacheco had been stealing money using inmate prepaid debit cards. Eight transactions totaling \$8,332 were put onto several inmate debit cards and later cashed at local automated teller machines by Pacheco. Pacheco is no longer employed by the Sheriff's Department.

Upon entry of the no contest plea, Judge Linda McFadden sentenced Pacheco to 60 days in jail, 40 hours of community service, 5 years felony probation, and ordered him to pay restitution.

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