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NEWS RELEASE

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Re: People v. Naresh Patel

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MODESTO, CALIFORNIA - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced that Naresh Patel, 37, of Modesto, was convicted of two counts of Possession of Methamphetamine for Sale, felonies. Patel also admitted a sentencing enhancement for being out on bail while committing a new felony offense.

On March 4, 2010, Modesto Police Department officers conducted a probation search at a hotel room occupied by Patel. In the room, officers found over 15 grams of methamphetamine, twelve-hundred dollars in cash, five digital scales, and cell phones that contained text messages indicating drug sales. Patel was arrested and later posted bail.

On March 30, 2010, Modesto police officers conducted a probation search of Patel's vehicle. Inside the vehicle, officers found over 19 grams of methamphetamine, a digital scale, and over three hundred dollars in cash. Patel told the officers he owned the methamphetamine.

The Honorable Nancy Ashley sentenced Patel to four years and eight months in state prison.