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PRESS RELEASE

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Date: September 29, 2010
Re: Manuel Topete #1420402
5 Years Prison for Failing to Register as
Sex Offender

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Manuel Topete, age 31, of Ceres, was convicted on September 27, 2010 of failing to register as a sex offender pursuant to Penal Code section 290, a felony. Deputy District Attorney Elaine G. Casillas prosecuted the case for the People.

On June 15, 2010, Topete was released from prison. On June 30, 2010, Topete was arrested for failing to register as a sex offender within 5 days of his release from prison in violation of Penal Code Section 290. Topete had previously been convicted of oral copulation of a person under 18 years old which required the PC 290 registration.

Topete admitted having served one prison term and also admitted to a previous felony conviction that falls under California's "Three Strikes" law.

The Honorable John G. Whiteside sentenced Topete to 5 years in state prison.

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