



COUNTY OF YOLO
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY
JEFF W. REISIG, DISTRICT ATTORNEY

301 SECOND STREET - WOODLAND, CALIFORNIA 95695 - 530.666.8180 - FAX 530.666.8185

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: August 11, 2011 **Contact:** Jonathan Raven, Chief Deputy District Attorney
Phone: 530 666-8180

Yuba City Man Convicted of Murdering his Wife

(Woodland, CA) – August 11, 2011 - District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that today a Yolo County jury convicted 41-year-old Ignacio Favela Mendoza of Murder in the First Degree. In addition, the jury also found that he personally discharged a firearm causing great bodily injury, and that he committed the murder while attempting to kidnap his wife.

On May 26, 2007, Mendoza went to an orchard outside of Zamora and approached his wife with a shotgun drawn and demanded that she get in the car with him. A fellow worker tried to calm Mendoza but his efforts were futile and Mendoza fired one shot from four feet that killed his wife after she refused his demands. Mendoza fled the scene and traveled to Mexico.

Yolo County Sheriff's deputies working with the FBI developed leads to locate Mendoza in Mexico. In December of 2007 an international warrant was issued and on April 1, 2010 Mendoza was arrested in Mexico. Mendoza was brought back to Yolo County in October 2010.

Deputy District Attorney, Larry Eichele, thanked Yolo County Sheriff's detectives and the Office of International Affairs, US Dept of Justice, for their extraordinary efforts in this case.

Mendoza will be sentenced on September 8, 2011 by the Honorable David Rosenberg who presided over the trial. Mendoza faces Life without the possibility of parole, plus 25-to-life in state prison.

###