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**Yuba City Man Sentenced to Life for Murdering Wife**

(Woodland, CA) – September 8, 2011 - District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that Ignacio Favela Mendoza, a 41-year-old Yuba City resident, was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole today by Yolo County Superior Court Judge David Rosenberg, for the Murder of his wife. A Yolo County jury convicted 41-year-old Mendoza of Murder in the First Degree on August 11, 2011.

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.

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