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**NEWS RELEASE
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Inmate Escapes from Men's Honor Farm

MODESTO, CA- An inmate escaped from the Stanislaus County Men's Honor Farm this morning at about 10:30am. The inmate, MENERA, Silbestre Penalzoza 32-years-old from Modesto, escaped through a gate that was being opened to let a vehicle exit the Honor Farm property. MENERA had just finished eating lunch and was returning to the inmate yard when he ran through the opening gate and escaped. Deputies chased after MENERA but lost a sight of him when he ran into a cornfield that was about 9 feet tall. Deputies set up a perimeter around the cornfield and waited a Sheriff's K-9 unit and the Sheriff's Helicopter to arrive. Both the helicopter and K-9 searched the cornfield for about 2 hours, but were unable to locate MENERA.

MENERA was booked into jail yesterday (August 6, 2008) after being remanded from court. He was sentenced to serve 5 days with 2 days credit for a DUI. MEDERA would have been released from jail tomorrow. He also had a second DUI case pending in the court system.

The Stanislaus County Men's Honor Farm is a minimum-security jail. The inmates are housed in military style barracks and are assigned to work crews on-site and off-site.

Anyone with information about this case is encouraged to contact Sheriff's Department at (209) 525-7114. Callers can also leave an anonymous tip by calling Crime Stoppers at (209) 521-4636 and be eligible for a cash reward.

For information regarding this press release please contact Deputy Royjindar Singh (209) 652-6597.