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**\*Criminal Case Update\***

**INMATES ARRAIGNED ON CHARGES OF ESCAPING FROM CUSTODY**

INDIO, CA. – Today, two of the four inmates involved in the October 16, 2010, escape from custody in the Shadow Hills area of the City of Indio have been arraigned on new charges.

Justin Daniel Kirk, DOB: 11/13/81, and Antonio Rodriguez Vasquez, DOB: 11/29/80, were arraigned today and pled not guilty. Edgar Valenzuela Calderon, DOB: 03/25/88, and Raymond Rudy Perez, DOB: 12/09/90, were arraigned on February 5, 2010, and have also pleaded not guilty.

The four men are charged with carjacking, kidnapping, kidnapping during the commission of a carjacking, and escaping from custody—all felonies. In addition to the four felonies, Kirk is charged with three additional felonies, kidnapping for ransom, robbery and assault with a deadly weapon.

On the morning of October 16, 2010, the four inmates were being transported from the Larry D. Smith Correctional Facility in Banning to the Indio jail for their scheduled court appearances. During the transport, the four inmates overpowered the correctional deputy, handcuffed him and placed him in an inmate holding cell in the vehicle. The inmates drove the transport vehicle to the Shadow Hills area of Indio, parked the vehicle and fled. All four inmates were arrested later that day after a large-scale manhunt.

The most recent charges on the four are in addition to the charges they were already facing. Kirk was in custody on a special circumstance murder and is facing the death penalty. Calderon and Perez, both active gang members, were facing a series of felonies including assault with a deadly weapon, making criminal threats and armed robbery. Vasquez was appearing on his case involving human trafficking, assault, grand theft auto, and armed robbery.

The case, INF10000013, is being prosecuted by Supervising Deputy District Attorney Tricia Frandsal. They are next scheduled to appear in court at 8:30 a.m. on March 26, 2010, in Dept. 3N of the Indio Larson Justice Center.

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