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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Seven Year Sentence for Drug Dealing Gang Member**

A Chico man was sentenced today for his role in a gang-based drug trafficking organization.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey announced today that Alexander Jose Cabral, 34, was sentenced to 7 years in state prison. The sentenced was imposed by Butte County Superior Court Judge Steven Howell.

Cabral was arrested in October 2009 by Chico Police and the Butte Interagency Narcotics Task Force for possession for sale of a controlled substance. At the time of his arrest, Cabral was found with methamphetamine, over \$8,000 cash and a gang document outlining the tactics and objectives of the gang.

Cabral=s arrest was one of a dozen arrests in “Operation Northern Connection” which was a months’ long investigation by federal, state and local law enforcement agencies. The investigation revealed local members of a criminal street gang were transporting large amounts of methamphetamine into the North Valley. The drug was then distributed to Butte and Glenn County gang members for sale throughout the area.

Prior to sentencing, Cabral asserted he was not involved in a gang. In response, Judge Howell told Cabral the evidence demonstrated Cabral was integrally involved in gangs in the north state...@

At the time of his arrest, Cabral was on parole after serving a 10-year sentence for a 1998 gang-related shooting.

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey said “Operation Northern Connection allowed law enforcement to significantly disrupt gang-based narcotics traffic and remove local gang leaders from the community for lengthy periods of time.”