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District Attorney Ramos Announces Charges in Hallmark Meat Packing Case

San Bernardino, CA – San Bernardino County District Attorney Michael A. Ramos held a press conference Friday, February 15, 2008, to announce that his office was filing charges in the Hallmark Meat Packing case. Joining him were members of the Humane Society of the United States, including its President and CEO, Wayne Pacelle; and, Brian Sampson, Supervisor of Animal Services, from the Inland Valley Humane Society. Ramos stated that the District Attorney's Office would be filing five felony county of PC 597 (Cruelty to Animals) and three misdemeanor counts of PC 599f(c) (Relates to moving a non-ambulatory animal with equipment at a slaughterhouse) against Daniel Ugarte Navarro, 49, of Pomona and three misdemeanor counts of PC599f (c) against Luis Sanchez, 32, of Chino.

Ramos stated, "This case has focused the national spotlight on San Bernardino County. I need the public to understand that my office takes all cases involving animal cruelty very seriously. It doesn't matter whether the mistreated animal is a beloved family pet or a cow at a slaughterhouse. Unnecessary cruelty will not be tolerated and will be prosecuted to the fullest extent allowed by law. I want to thank our partners in this investigation – the Chino Police Department, the USDA and the Humane Societies."