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**PAROLEE PLEADS NO CONTEST TO
CHARGE OF ILLEGAL
REGISTRATION OF A VOTER**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean Flippo announced today that on November 17, Deshon Chavez, a 33-year-old parolee of Santa Maria, pled no contest to a charge of illegal registration of a voter. Superior Court Judge Russell Scott sentenced Ms. Chavez to 60 days in county jail.

The charges were filed in connection with the fraudulent filing of voter registration in January of 2009. District Attorney Investigator Tracey Spencer uncovered information that a number of individuals, including Ms. Chavez, had fraudulently registered to vote in an effort to cast ballots in a special school election recall vote in March 2009.

Election laws prohibit persons who are on parole from voting in public elections.