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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Re: HSU Assailant Pleads Guilty to Multiple Charges

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On May 14, 2012, Martin Salvador Alvarado, 30, of Pico Rivera, California, pleaded guilty to a series of assaults perpetrated on the Humboldt State University Campus in 2010.

In the early morning hours of October 24, 2010, Alvarado entered a Humboldt State University residence hall and sexually assaulted a female victim. Another resident assisted the victim and the defendant fled the building. Shortly thereafter, the defendant physically assaulted two additional residents before entering another residence hall where he assaulted additional victims before being subdued by law enforcement.

According to District Attorney Paul Gallegos, who acted as prosecutor in the case, Alvarado pleaded guilty to each assault of which he was accused, which included sexual penetration with a foreign object, false imprisonment committed against a second victim, and assault with a deadly weapon (a wooden board) involving a third victim, all felonies. Alvarado also pleaded guilty to eight counts of misdemeanor battery involving multiple victims.

The defendant is scheduled to be sentenced on June 11, 2012 and faces up to six years in state prison. Upon his release, Alvarado will also be required to register as a sex offender.