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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Tiffany Lafollette
Case #1222521

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Tiffany Lafollette, age 36, of Turlock, pled no contest on September 29th to all charges against her stemming from a collision with a school bus on January 29, 2007.

The incident occurred at approximately 7:00 a.m. at the intersection of Quincy and Castlevue Roads in Turlock. Evidence presented at the preliminary hearing indicated that Ms. Lafollette failed to yield to a large school bus that was proceeding through the intersection. Her Dodge Durango collided with the side of the bus. The force of the impact caused the bus to jump the curb and collide with a house. Several junior high students on the bus were thrown from their seats and received minor bruising. Two children were treated at the hospital for neck and rib pain, but no serious injuries were suffered. No one in the house was injured. An investigation was conducted by the California Highway Patrol. Ms. Lafollette was determined to be driving under the influence of prescription medication, specifically, Xanax, a central nervous system depressant, and cytalopram, which causes drowsiness. Cocaine was also found in her vehicle.

Lafollette pled no-contest and the court found her guilty of felony driving under the influence of drugs causing injury to another and possession of cocaine. Lafollette's case was referred to the probation department for a sentencing report. A sentencing hearing is scheduled for October 27th in Department 7 before the Honorable Donald E. Shaver. Lafollette faces a maximum time in prison of five years and eight months.