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Re: Rene Garcia – Drunk Driver Convicted Phone: (209) 525-5550

Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Rene Garcia, age 57, of Modesto, was convicted after a three-day jury trial of Driving Under the Influence (DUI). Deputy District Attorney Meghan Greerty prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events that occurred on December 15, 2008. The defendant was seen by CHP officers driving, without his headlights, on Carpenter Road in Modesto. After catching up to the defendant, the officers witnessed him weaving on the road and speeding. During a DUI investigation, the defendant performed very poorly on his Field Sobriety Tests, and was arrested for DUI. A subsequent breath test showed his blood alcohol concentration to be .10%.

After receiving the guilty verdict, the Honorable Donald E. Shaver placed the defendant on 3 years informal probation, ordered him to pay specified fines, attend alcohol counseling, and sentenced him to 2 days in the county jail.

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