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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Dwain Gullat – Conviction for
Driving Under the Influence, Hit and
Run and Driving on a Suspended
License

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Dwain Gullat, age 31, of Modesto, was convicted after a three-day jury trial of Driving Under the Influence (DUI), having a blood alcohol content of .15 percent or more, Hit and Run, and Driving on a Suspended License. After the guilty verdict was returned, the defendant also admitted that he had two prior DUI convictions. Deputy District Attorney Merrill Houlton prosecuted the case on behalf of the People.

On November 21, 2008 at approximately 11:22 p.m., the defendant, Dwain Gullat, was driving his Chevrolet Tahoe northbound on North McClure Road in Modesto, California. Gullat lost control of his vehicle and drove up a curb, across three lawns knocking down a redwood tree and an ash tree. The Tahoe stopped after it hit a third tree. Gullat immediately jumped out of the Tahoe and ran home where officers found him approximately ten minutes later. A blood test revealed that Gullat's blood alcohol level was 0.16%. Gullat's driver's license was suspended at the time of the collision. He also has two prior driving under the influence convictions.

Upon accepting the verdict and admission, the Honorable Judge John Whiteside placed Gullat on three years informal probation, ordered him to pay specified fines, sentenced him to 240 days in the county jail and designated him as a habitual traffic offender.

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