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PRESS RELEASE

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Date: April 7, 2009
Re: People v. Thomas Hernandez
Drunk Driver Sentenced to 16 Months
In Prison

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that THOMAS HERNANDEZ, age 57, of Stockton was convicted of felony driving under the influence of alcohol and a drug and admitted three (3) prior driving under the influence priors. Deputy District Attorney Michael D. Houston prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events that occurred on July, 11, 2007 in Modesto when a CHP officer saw Hernandez driving on Highway 99 crossing into the median and back across two lanes of traffic. When they contacted Hernandez, he had the objective symptoms of intoxication. A blood sample showed Hernandez's blood alcohol level to be .07 and his blood also tested presumptively positive for PCP.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable John D. Freeland sentenced Hernandez to 16 months in state prison.

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