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PRESS RELEASE

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Date: June 4, 2009
Re: William Adrian Martinez -
Drunken Driver Convicted

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that William Adrian Martinez, age 26, of Ceres, was convicted at jury trial on June 4, 2009 of driving under the influence, driving on a suspended license and driving without a valid license. Deputy District Attorney Miles Kowalski prosecuted the case on behalf of the People.

The case arose out of events that occurred on November 10, 2008, in Modesto, when a CHP officer observed Martinez behind the wheel of a vehicle stopped approximately 6 feet from the curb. Martinez admitted to driving the vehicle and a breath test revealed a blood alcohol level of 0.11%. At trial, Martinez testified that he was not the driver and that he got in the driver's seat so that he could turn on the radio. A witness who testified for the defense claimed to have been the driver. After the guilty verdict, Martinez admitted his prior Wet Reckless conviction from 2005.

Upon receiving the guilty verdicts, the Honorable Marie Solvey Silveira placed the defendant on 3 years informal probation, ordered him to pay specified fines and sentenced him to 15 days in the county jail.

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