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PRESS RELEASE

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Heroin Dealer sent to prison

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that the Honorable Judge Nancy Ashley sentenced John Guadalupe Martinez, of Modesto, to four years in state prison for one count of selling heroin. Martinez was observed by Modesto Police Department officers selling heroin to his codefendant Cherie Hardin from a car in a parking lot in downtown Modesto. As officers approached the car, Hardin dropped the heroin in front of them. Officers subsequently searched Martinez's car and found 11 more bindles of heroin. Hardin also pled guilty today to possession of heroin was sentenced to three years probation pursuant to the Proposition 36 program.