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**PRESS RELEASE**

**For Immediate Release**

Date: September 22, 2009  
Re: Kent B. Shatswell  
Court finds Defendant Guilty of  
Vehicular Trespassing and Possession  
Of a Tear Gas Weapon

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**Modesto, California** - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Kent B. Shatswell, age 49, of Oakdale, was convicted on September 21, 2009 after a two-day court trial of the misdemeanor charges of Vehicular Trespassing and Possession of a Tear Gas Weapon. Deputy District Attorney Merrill Hoult prosecuted the case on behalf of the People.

The case arose out of events that occurred on June 14, 2009. A witness saw Shatswell trying to enter a locked motor home in Oakdale. The motor home did not belong to Shatswell and the lawful owner did not give Shatswell permission to enter the vehicle. After Shatswell was arrested, an Oakdale police officer found pepper spray in Shatswell's pocket. Shatswell is prohibited from possessing pepper spray since he is a convicted felon.

Upon the Court's verdict, the Honorable John Freeland sentenced Shatswell to 35 days in jail and placed him on 3 years informal probation.

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