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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Eddie Tambunga

Parolee Sentenced to Four Years in Prison

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Eddie Tambunga, age 41, of Modesto, was convicted of being a felon in possession of ammunition. Tambunga also admitted two prior prison commitments for possession of a controlled substance while in jail from July 2002, and escaping from jail in January 2005. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events which occurred on January 6, 2009 at around midnight when a Sheriff's Deputy was dispatched to a suspicious pick-up parked in the alleyway between Midway Avenue and Atlantic Avenue in Modesto. When Deputy Dirkse arrived, he discovered that the 2001 Ford F-450 had been reported as stolen five days before out of Modesto. The Deputy made contact with Tambunga and discovered that Tambunga was on parole. Parolees are not allowed to possess firearms or ammunition as a condition of being released on parole. The Deputy discovered two .22 caliber cartridges in Tambunga's left front pant's pocket.

Upon entry of the plea, Tambunga was sentenced by the Honorable Thomas Zeff to four years in state prison.

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