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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

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Re: Thomas Randolph Adams, Sr.

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4 Years Prison for Possession of Methadone

**Modesto, California** – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Thomas Randolph Adams, Sr, age 46, of Ceres, was convicted on April 30, 2010 of possession of methadone. Adams also admitted a “strike” prior from July 1985 for attempted robbery. Since serving out that original sentence, Adams had over fifteen separate parole violations and two additional felony convictions resulting in prison sentences. Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey W. Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

On December 22, 2009 at approximately 5:30 p.m. in the area of 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Whitmore Avenue in Ceres, an officer observed Adams riding his bicycle without a bike light during nighttime. After performing a routine traffic stop, the officer observed that Adams appeared to be under the influence of an opiate. Adams stated that he had used heroin two days prior and that he had two hypodermic syringes in his jacket pocket. Adams also possessed sixteen methadone pills in his front pants pocket. Adams does not have a prescription for the pills and stated that a friend gave them to him.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable Scott Steffen sentenced Adams to four years in state prison.