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**PRESS RELEASE**

**For Immediate Release**

Date: January 22, 2010  
Re: Richard Garner  
7 Years Prison for Evading an Officer  
And Being an Accessory After the Fact

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Richard Garner, age 48, of Modesto, was convicted of felony evading a peace officer on January 22, 2010. Deputy District Attorney Robert J. Taro prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events that occurred on May 29<sup>th</sup> 2009, in the city of Modesto. Garner failed to yield for a traffic stop to a Stanislaus County deputy sheriff, ran several stop signs and jeopardized the lives of citizens in this county.

Garner also was convicted of being an accessory after the fact to the crime of residential burglary. That crime occurred in June of 2009 and involved the theft of several items from a home.

Upon entry of no contest pleas, the Honorable Timothy Salter sentenced the defendant to 7 years in prison. Garner received 2 years each for evading and the crime of being an accessory, but the judge added an additional 5 years to the sentence due to Garner's prior commitments to state prison.

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