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PRESS RELEASE

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Date: June 7, 2010
Re: James Shoates, Jr.
Conviction for Battery

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that James Shoates, Jr., age 29, of Modesto, was convicted on June 4, 2010 of battery after a three-day jury trial. Deputy District Attorney Randy Fischer prosecuted the case for the People.

On December 12th 2009, at approximately 12:30 am, Shoates assaulted a security employee of the Copper Rhino Bar. Mr. Shoates hit the employee from behind with his closed fist as the employee was trying to restrain one of Shoates's friends who had committed a battery a few moments before. Modesto Police Officer Orrin Nelson, who was on patrol of the Downtown Entertainment District, was flagged down and took Shoates into custody.

Upon receiving the verdict, the Honorable John Whiteside placed Shoates on three years of summary probation, ordered him to pay specified fines and sentenced him to 1 day in the county jail.

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