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**PRESS RELEASE**

**For Immediate Release**

Date: February 9, 2011  
Re: Alvin Cooper  
Prison sentence for Possession  
Of Cocaine for Sale

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**Modesto, California** - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Alvin Cooper, age 31, of Modesto, was convicted on February 9, 2011 of Possession of Cocaine for Sale in two separate cases. Cooper also admitted having served a prior prison term, and having a prior felony that falls under California's "Three Strikes" law. Deputy District Attorney Meghan Greerty prosecuted the case for the People.

On March 16, 2010, officers from the Modesto Police Department were dispatched to 1340 Leonard Ave., Apt. 14 in response to a domestic disturbance. While at the residence, officers conducted a K-9 narcotic sniff, which led them to two bags of cocaine and a scale commonly used to weigh narcotics. Cooper later admitted that the cocaine was his.

On July 20, 2010, Cooper and his girlfriend were detained during a routine traffic stop in Modesto. During a search of the vehicle, officers located items commonly used to package narcotics and found out that Cooper was on probation. Subsequently, officers completed a probation search of Cooper's home. A surveillance camera, packaging, a scale, cocaine and a large amount of cash were found in the residence.

The Honorable Nancy Ashley sentenced Cooper to five years in state prison.

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