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sentence

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Samuel Herrera, age 38, received a sentence of 4 years and 8 months in state prison following convictions for driving under the influence of drugs resulting in injury and identity theft.

On 7/28/13, Mr. Herrera rear-ended another car, causing minor injuries. He was found to be operating his vehicle under the influence of drugs, including methamphetamine and heroin. He pled no contest to felony driving under the influence of drugs causing injury on 2/19/15 and was placed on probation with a four-year state prison sentence suspended.

On 7/25/15 in Ceres, Mr. Herrera was apprehended inside the Home Depot using a credit card to purchase tools fraudulently. The credit card was inside a recently-stolen wallet, taken minutes earlier from the victim.

On 8/10/15, Mr. Herrera pled guilty to misuse of personal identifying information and was then sentenced to the previously suspended four-year prison sentence for the DUI case, plus an additional 8 months for the ID theft case.

Deputy District Attorney Tony Colacito prosecuted the cases for the People. His position is funded by a grant provided by the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.