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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Christopher James Saini
Felony DUI conviction and prison sentence

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Christopher James Saini, age 28, of Modesto, has been sentenced to state prison for felony driving under the influence on two separate occasions.

On August 7, 2016, Saini was stopped by a Stanislaus County Sheriff's deputy when he ran two stop signs. Saini was uncooperative and had obvious signs of alcohol intoxication. After being arrested for driving under the influence, a chemical test showed his blood alcohol content to be 0.22%, over twice the legal limit of .08%.

Twenty-three days later on August 30, 2016, Saini was stopped by a California Highway Patrol officer for speeding. Once again, Saini exhibited obvious signs of alcohol intoxication and admitted to the officer that he "probably had too much." After being arrested for the second time, a chemical test showed his blood alcohol content on this occasion to be 0.15%.

Saini was charged with two counts of felony driving under the influence since he had previously been convicted of felony driving under the influence in 2011.

On February 17th, 2017, pursuant to a plea agreement, Saini pled no contest to each felony charge and admitted his prior felony conviction. Judge Rick Distaso then sentenced Saini to two years in state prison.

Deputy District Attorney Bianca Yip prosecuted the case for the People. Her position is funded by a grant provided by the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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