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PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

Date: September 18, 2017
Re: Joseph Zachariah Placid
Felony DUI conviction & prison sentence

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Joseph Zachariah Placid, 36, of Ceres, California, was sentenced to three years in state prison for felony driving with a blood alcohol level of 0.08%. Deputy District Attorney Bianca Yip prosecuted the case on behalf of the People.

On January 6, 2017, Placid was stopped by a Stanislaus County Sheriff's deputy for erratic driving. The deputy noted Placid smelled of alcohol. The California Highway Patrol was called to conduct an investigation which led to Placid's arrest for driving under the influence. A chemical test showed his blood alcohol level to be 0.20%, more than twice the legal limit of 0.08%.

In May of 2015, Placid was convicted and sentenced to prison in Shasta County for felony driving under the influence and felony evading a police officer. That previous conviction elevated his new offense in Stanislaus County to a felony.

On September 11, 2017, Placid pled no contest to felony driving with a blood alcohol level above 0.08%. He also admitted his 2015 convictions and prison sentence. Judge Robert Westbrook then sentenced Placid to three 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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