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NEWS RELEASE

For immediate release

Date: January 17, 2006

Re: People v. Robert James Liniger

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**Modesto, California** – Stanislaus County Assistant District Attorney Carol Shipley announced today that on Thursday, January 12, 2006, a jury found Robert James Lininger of Hickman guilty of driving under the influence and driving with a blood alcohol level of .08% or greater, violations of California Vehicle Code sections 23152(a) and 23152(b). Lininger was involved in a single car accident after driving off the roadway and crashing into the Hickman canal. The crash occurred on November 27, 2004, on Lake Road, east of Lampley. Lininger, suffering a fractured arm and leg in the crash, had to be rescued from the vehicle by Stanislaus Consolidated Fire personnel. Two passengers were treated for minor injuries at area hospitals and released. The crash was investigated by Officers White and McConnell of the California Highway Patrol Modesto Office.