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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: People v. Mahmoud Ahmed Kalil

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that MAHMOUD AHMED KALIL, age 65, of Modesto, pled no contest today before Superior Court Judge Loretta Murphy Begen to two misdemeanor counts of practicing veterinary medicine without a license. Deputy District Attorney John Goulart appeared on behalf of the People.

Kalil owned the “Pelandale Veterinary Hospital” in Modesto. Following numerous citizen complaints that he was practicing veterinary medicine without a license, the California State Department of Consumer Affairs conducted an investigation which led to criminal charges being filed on July 6, 2006. The criminal complaint listed one felony count of animal cruelty, one misdemeanor count of practicing veterinary medicine without a license, and one misdemeanor count of petty theft. Further investigation by the Department of Consumer Affairs led to the filing today of an additional misdemeanor charge of practicing veterinary medicine without a license.

Today, Kalil pled no contest to two misdemeanor counts practicing medicine without a license. He was placed on three years of informal probation, fined \$4,000.00, ordered to perform 100 hours of community service, and prohibited from practicing veterinary medicine without a license, seeking to obtain a veterinary license, or operating a veterinary business.

Kalil’s previous veterinary license was revoked by the California Department of Consumer Affairs on March 9, 1988 and has remained revoked since that date. Kalil has twice petitioned to have his license reinstated, most recently in January of 2005. Each time his request was denied.

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