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PRESS RELEASE

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Date: October 31, 2008
Re: People vs. Justin Deming Ryder—
Convicted Felon in Possession of Firearm

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Justin Deming Ryder, age 28, of Riverbank, entered a plea of guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm on October 31, 2008. Deputy District Attorney Dawna Frenchie prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events which occurred on October 23, 2008 in the city of Riverbank. Justin Ryder was a passenger in a vehicle stopped for a vehicle code violation. Officers found Ryder had concealed a shotgun before he exited the vehicle. Ryder had previously been convicted of a felony offense which prohibited him from possessing firearms and for which he had served time in state prison.

Upon entry of his guilty plea, the Honorable John Freeland sentenced defendant to two years in state prison.

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