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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

Date: May 30, 2008
Re: Kenneth Charles Steele,
Jr.

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Kenneth Charles Steele, Jr., age 29, a transient, was sentenced today by Judge Timothy Salter to 5 years in state prison after having been convicted on April 30, 2008 at a jury trial on the felony charge of petty theft with a prior and the misdemeanor charge of obstructing, delaying, or resisting a peace officer. Mr. Steele was also found to have one prior serious or violent felony (“strike”) conviction and one prior conviction for which he spent time in prison. Deputy District Attorney Carolyn Matzger prosecuted the case.

The case arose out of events which occurred on July 4, 2006, in the city of Turlock. On that date at around 6:30 in the morning, the defendant entered the Circle J Store in Turlock. He stole a bottle of Wild Turkey. When the police arrived, the defendant was walking near Donnelly Park. When the police ordered the defendant to stop walking, he did not follow their commands. He was eventually taken into custody.

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