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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: People v. Ralph Doty—Prison sentence
after repeated failure in Prop 36

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Ralph Leon Doty, age 47, of Merced was found to be in violation of his probation terms and sentenced by the Honorable Marie Sovey Silveira to two years in state prison. Deputy District Attorney Michael D. Houston prosecuted the case for the People.

On Sept. 17, 2007, Doty was convicted of possession of methamphetamine and referred to a drug rehabilitation program pursuant to Proposition 36. On June 11, 2008 and October 15, 2008, Doty admitted violations of probation for failing to complete substance abuse treatment. On May 13, 2009, Doty was discharged from Proposition 36 for poor attendance in the treatment program. On June 10, 2009, Doty admitted a violation of probation, again for failing to complete substance abuse treatment. A sentencing hearing was scheduled for September 2, 2009. If Doty appeared in court on September 2, 2009, he would receive 16 months in state prison. If not, he could be sentenced to either 2 or 3 years in state prison. Doty failed to appear on September 2, 2009. On November 3, 2009, the Honorable Marie Sovey Silveira sentenced Doty to 2 years in state prison.

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