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PRESS RELEASE

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Date: September 16, 2009
Re: Josh Stephen Gonsalves -
16 months in State Prison for Burglary
and Possession of Heroin

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Josh Stephen Gonsalves, age 19, of Modesto, was convicted on September 15, 2009 of Second Degree Burglary and Possession of Heroin. Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey M. Laugero prosecuted the case for the People.

On November 22, 2008, Gonsalves entered Moe's Cig Shop and selected several items of clothing from the wall racks. Gonsalves then ran from the store taking over \$375 in merchandise. Gonsalves was later seen by the store owner in the vicinity of the store. Modesto officers were able to locate and identify Gonsalves as the person responsible for the theft. He was arrested on April 8, 2009 and posted bail.

On May 6, 2009, Gonsalves was observed by officers from the Modesto Narcotics Enforcement Team buying heroin in a Modesto business parking lot. Officers approached and stood next to the preoccupied buyer and seller while the sale occurred and then made the arrest. Gonsalves also had two other cases, Attempted Possession of Heroin for which he received 43 days time served and Receiving Stolen Property which was dismissed in exchange for the plea above.

Upon entry of the guilty plea, the Honorable Judge Steffen sentenced the defendant to 16 months in state prison.

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