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PRESS RELEASE

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Date: June 19, 2009
Re: Ronald Griffin- Drunk Driver
Convicted

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Ronald Griffin, age 76, of Turlock, was convicted on June 19th after a four-day jury trial of the charges of Driving Under the Influence (DUI), having a blood alcohol concentration of .15 percent or more, and having a prior DUI conviction, Hit and Run, and Driving on a Suspended License. Deputy District Attorney Meghan Greerty prosecuted the case on behalf of the People.

The case arose out of events that occurred on May 4, 2008, when the defendant drove a motor home into the parking lot of the Silver Crest Apartment Complex. While driving through the parking lot, the motor home collided with a parked car. The defendant continued to drive and parked the vehicle. He was confronted by a visitor who heard the collision. The defendant failed to provide the owner of the parked car with any information. Turlock police officers were called to the scene and, after a DUI investigation, determined that the defendant had been driving under the influence of alcohol and that his blood alcohol content was .20%. A license check revealed that the defendant's driving privilege was suspended.

After receiving the guilty verdict, the Honorable Marie Solvey Silveira placed the defendant on 3 years informal probation, ordered him to pay specified fines, pay restitution, attend a Level II alcohol counseling program, and sentenced him to 30 days on the county jail.

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