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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Charles Daniel Jones – Heroin Dealer
Sentenced to 2 years in Prison

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Charles Daniel Jones, age 50, of Modesto, was convicted of Possession of Heroin for Sale and Possession of Heroin. Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey M. Laugero prosecuted the case for the People.

Deputies from the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office had received information that drug use and sales were taking place in Mono Park. Acting on this information, a Stanislaus County Sheriff's deputy was patrolling the park. He saw Jones in Mono Park standing near a group of people lying on the grass. Jones matched the description of a person reportedly selling drugs in the park. The deputy attempted to make contact with Jones. Jones, upon seeing the approaching deputy, concealed an object behind a tree and began walking away from the deputy. The deputy found a baggie containing heroin behind the tree and detained Jones. The heroin was packaged in a manner consistent with drug sales. Several of the individuals that had been around Jones were also in possession of drugs and paraphernalia. Based on Jones's conduct and the deputy's observations, Jones was arrested for possession of heroin for sale.

Upon accepting the guilty plea, the Honorable Scott Steffen sentenced Jones to two years in state prison.