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Re: Kamil Lal – Drunk Driver Phone: (209) 525-5550

Convicted

Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Kamil Lal, age 53, of Modesto, was convicted on March 27<sup>th</sup> after a three-day jury trial of Driving Under the Influence (DUI), having a blood alcohol concentration of .15 percent or more, and resisting arrest. Deputy District Attorney Meghan Greerty prosecuted the case on behalf of the People.

The case arose out of events that occurred on October 27, 2007, when Modesto police officers stopped to investigate a truck stopped in the lawn of a front yard in a residential neighborhood. As the officers approached the truck, the driver began to drive away. Lal was identified as the driver. Lal showed signs of extreme intoxication, and refused to unlock or get out of the truck. After being arrested for DUI, Lal attempted to kick out the windows of the patrol car. A subsequent blood test showed Lal's blood alcohol content to be .35%.

Upon receiving the jury's verdict, the Honorable John Freeland placed the defendant on 3 years informal probation, ordered him to attend Level I enhanced DUI classes, pay specified fines and sentenced him to 12 days in the county jail.