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**PRESS RELEASE**

**For Immediate Release**

Date: April 21, 2009  
Re: Frank Leitner – Burglar Sentenced  
to 2 years in State Prison

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**Modesto, California** - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Frank Leitner, age 32, of Riverbank, entered a plea of guilty to First Degree Burglary on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Deputy District Attorney Stephen F. Casey prosecuted the case on behalf of the People.

The case arose out of events that occurred on December 25, 2008, when Leitner broke into a Riverbank home after initially knocking on the front door. He ran away after the homeowner yelled from inside the house. The homeowner saw Leitner fleeing and recognized him as living nearby. After being caught, the defendant said he broke into the house because he was being chased by gang members and was only trying to escape from them.

Upon entry of the guilty plea, the Honorable John Whiteside sentenced the defendant to two years in state prison, and also sentenced him concurrently for violating his felony probation for a previous conviction for possession of methamphetamine.

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