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PRESS RELEASE

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Date: February 6, 2009
Re: David Lloyd Parker – Drunk Driver
Convicted

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that David Lloyd Parker, age 22, of Modesto, was convicted of Driving Under the Influence (DUI), having a blood alcohol concentration of .15 percent or more, after a four-day jury trial that began February 2, 2009. Deputy District Attorney Miles Kowalski prosecuted the case for the people.

The case arose out of events which occurred on October 24, 2008 in the City of Modesto when the defendant gave some friends a ride to Graceda Park in his mother's car. While in the park, the defendant and his friends began drinking. The defendant then became agitated and was rushing to leave because he was on parole with a 10:00 p.m. curfew. The defendant's friends tried to take the defendant's keys away due to his level of intoxication. He fought with them claiming that he was not drunk and refused to let anyone else drive his mother's car.

The defendant then got in his mother's car to leave, along with some of his friends. The defendant pulled into the road, accelerated quickly and drove directly into a parked car. The car the defendant was driving overturned and landed upside down. People from the park and nearby houses called 9-1-1 and came to help. Passersby helped the defendant and passengers out of the vehicle through the windows. When the defendant got out of the car he said, "Please don't tell me I'm drunk. Please don't tell me I was driving." The person who helped the defendant out of the car had to stop him from fleeing the scene. The passerby also heard the defendant call his mother and apologize for crashing her car.

When officers arrived, the defendant was rolling on the ground crying, saying, "I screwed up. I'm sorry. I'm going back to prison." The defendant then stated to one of the officers, "I drank too much to drive, and I drove." His blood alcohol concentration was .20%.

Sentencing is scheduled for February 10th before the Honorable Scott Steffan.

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