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**PRESS RELEASE**

**For Immediate Release**

Date: October 5, 2009  
Re: Janice Rutherford – Conviction for  
Hit and Run with Injury

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**Modesto, California** - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Janice Rutherford, age 41, of Modesto was convicted of felony hit and run with injury after a four-day jury trial in Stanislaus County Superior Court. Deputy District Attorney Robert J. Taro prosecuted the case for the People.

On November 20, 2007 in Modesto, at the intersection of McHenry and Roseburg, Rutherford ran a red light resulting in a collision with the first vehicle travelling westbound on Roseburg causing it to spin into another vehicle travelling eastbound on Roseburg. The first collision resulted in the driver and the passenger being injured and the second collision resulted in the driver of the eastbound car being injured. Rutherford initially fled from the accident scene, but returned an hour later.

The Honorable Thomas Zeff scheduled a sentencing hearing for October 30, 2009. Rutherford faces a maximum of 4 years in state prison.

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