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convicted

Flavia Sandoval – Drunk Driver gets

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Flavia Sandoval, age 28, of Delhi, was convicted on February 20, 2009 after a threeday jury trial of Driving Under the Influence (DUI). The defendant also admitted having a prior DUI conviction. Deputy District Attorney Merrill Hoult prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events which occurred on September 12, 2008 at approximately 2:55 a.m. when a California Highway Patrol Officer observed the defendant driving in downtown Modesto. Ms. Sandoval exited her car and approached the officer. She displayed objective symptoms of intoxication and admitted drinking. A chemical test revealed that Ms. Sandoval's blood alcohol level was 0.12%.

After receiving the verdict, the Honorable Donald E. Shaver placed the defendant on three years informal probation, ordered her to attend alcohol counseling, pay specified fines, and sentenced her to 15 days in the county jail.

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