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**NEWS RELEASE**

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Re: People v. Thomas Sullivan, Jr.

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MODESTO, CALIFORNIA - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced that Thomas Joseph Sullivan Jr., 45, of Turlock, CA, pled guilty in Stanislaus County Superior Court to a violation of California Health and Safety Code section 11351, Possession of Heroin for Sale, a felony.

On September 10, 2008, agents with the Merced Multi-Agency Narcotics Task Force were investigating reported heroin sales within the city of Turlock. Undercover agents watched Thomas Sullivan Jr., a known parolee, as he rode a bicycle through the parking lot of the Ranch Burger restaurant at 690 C Street in Turlock. Sullivan was seen making hand-to-hand transactions with individuals he met in the parking lot. The agents made contact with Sullivan and searched him pursuant to his parole status. Agents found five balloons filled with heroin in Sullivan's hand. Under questioning, Sullivan admitted he was selling heroin.

In a hearing before the Honorable Marie Silveira today, Sullivan was sentenced to three years in state prison.