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Re: Travitsky-
Prison for Drug Possession

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Modesto, California – District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Daniel Travitsky, 57, of Modesto was convicted of Possession of Methamphetamine. In addition, Travitsky admitted to having been previously convicted of one prior felony which falls under California's "Three Strikes" law and also admitted to having served two prior prison terms. Deputy District Attorney Robert J. Taro prosecuted the case for the People.

On April 21, 2008, Travitsky was contacted by Modesto police officers in the parking lot of what was then the "Tiki Lounge" on McHenry Avenue in Modesto. After conducting a search of Travitsky, the officers found he was in possession of methamphetamine. Travitsky has a lengthy criminal history including a conviction for first degree murder in 1973.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable Thomas D. Zeff sentenced Travitsky to 8 years in state prison.