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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Melvin Wilkinson – Three years in state
prison for possessing heroin for sale.

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Melvin Wilkinson, age 56, was convicted of possession of heroin for sale. Deputy District Attorney Carolyn Matzger prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events that occurred on April 3, 2009 when someone called the Modesto Police Department to report seeing a man selling drugs. When police arrived, they saw Wilkinson who matched the description of the man selling drugs. When they searched him, they found in his pants pocket a Tylenol bottle that contained 5 individually wrapped balls of heroin. Wilkinson had been previously convicted in 2002 for the same crime.

Upon entry of the guilty plea, the Honorable Whiteside sentenced Wilkinson 3 years in state prison.

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