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Julie Crystal Rodriguez

Conviction for Drunk Driving

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Julie Crystal Rodriguez, age 23, of Modesto, was convicted on June 4th after a three-day jury trial of driving under the influence. Deputy District Attorney Merrill Hoult prosecuted the case for the People.

On December 5, 2008 at around 2:15 a.m., a California Highway Patrol officer observed a Toyota Camry driving northbound on 9th Street without its headlights on. Rodriguez was driving. Upon contacting Rodriguez, the officer observed that she had objective signs of intoxication. Rodriguez admitted drinking alcohol and performed two field sobriety tests in a manner consistent with a person who was under the influence. A blood test later revealed that her blood alcohol level was 0.11%.

The Honorable Dawna Reeves placed Rodriguez on three years informal probation, ordered her to pay specified fines, attend Level I alcohol classes and sentenced her to two days in the county jail.