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**PRESS RELEASE**

**For Immediate Release**

Date: May 30, 2014  
Re: Felony DUI; Conviction

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**Modesto, California** - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Nicholas Lopez, age 35, of Modesto, was convicted on May 27, 2014 of Driving Under the Influence with three or more separate violations within 10 years in two separate cases. Deputy District Attorney Anthony Colacito prosecuted the case for the People.

On April 6, 2013, Lopez was speeding in downtown Modesto and was stopped by CHP officers. During the investigation, Lopez submitted to two breath tests and had a blood alcohol content of .16/.15. On August 31, 2013, while the first case was pending, Lopez turned away from a DUI checkpoint and was subsequently pulled over by an MPD officer for Vehicle Code violations. Lopez's breath tests showed his blood alcohol level to be .09/.09. These were Lopez's sixth and seventh DUI convictions and his first felony conviction.

Upon entry of the no contest plea, Judge Thomas Zeff sentenced Lopez to 2 years in state prison.

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