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Re: People v. Hilton Royce Jackson, Jr.

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Hilton Royce Jackson, age 65, of Modesto, was convicted on February 23, 2015 of felony charges of evading a peace officer and driving with a .08% or higher alcohol level with a prior conviction for felony driving under the influence within ten years. Jackson also admitted having served four prior prison terms. Deputy District Attorney Tony Colacito prosecuted the case for the People. His position is funded by a grant provided by the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

On April 9, 2014, the CHP attempted a traffic stop on Jackson for a traffic violation on McHenry Avenue. Jackson did not yield and attempted to flee by speeding through a residential neighborhood before losing control of his car and hitting the curb, disabling the car. A subsequent blood test showed Jackson's alcohol level to be .15%. Jackson had numerous prior felony convictions for driving under the influence of alcohol.

Judge Thomas Zeff scheduled a sentencing hearing for April 23, 2015. Jackson faces a maximum of 7 years and 8 months in state prison.

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