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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Gary Lynn Perdue, Jr.

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Gary Lynn Perdue, Jr., age 36, of Modesto, California, was sentenced to sixteen months in state prison for two convictions for felony drunk driving arising out of two separate incidents.

On May 20, 2016, Perdue was stopped by an Oakdale Police officer for an equipment violation. The officer smelled alcohol on Perdue's breath. Perdue failed field sobriety tests and was arrested. A subsequent breath test showed his blood alcohol content to be 0.33 and 0.32%, four times the legal limit of .08%.

Three months later, on August 21, 2016, Perdue was riding a motorcycle when he ran a stop sign and was stopped by a California Highway Patrol Officer. Perdue admitted that he had been drinking alcohol. Results of his field sobriety tests were consistent with being under the influence. He was arrested and a breath test determined Perdue's blood alcohol content this time was 0.30% and 0.28%, over three times the legal limit.

Purdue was charged with felony drunk driving in both cases due to his history of having at least three previous drunk driving convictions.

On August 26, 2016, Perdue pled no contest to felony drunk driving stemming from the May 20 incident. He admitted having three prior misdemeanor convictions for driving under the influence in July 2012, October 2013, and September 2013. Perdue also pled no contest to felony drunk driving stemming from the August 2016 incident.

Upon conviction and pursuant to a plea agreement, Judge Ruben Villalobos sentenced Perdue to sixteen months in state prison.

Deputy District Attorney Bianca Yip prosecuted the case for the People. Her position is funded by a grant provided by the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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