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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Brian Joseph Gomes, Prison Sentence

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Brian Joseph Gomes, age 41, of Turlock, was convicted and sentenced on December 16th, 2016 to eight years state prison for possessing heroin for sale and possessing a controlled substance while in possession of a firearm. Deputy District Attorney Heather M. Melton prosecuted the case on behalf of the People.

On July 22, 2016, Turlock Police stopped Gomes for a traffic violation and lawfully searched his vehicle. The officer located a hidden storage compartment containing a black zippered bag holding a loaded 9mm pistol and several baggies of methamphetamine.

One week later, on July 30, 2016, the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office served a search warrant at Gomes's home in Turlock. Gomes was found hiding in the attic. Inside his bedroom, deputies located packaging material consistent with someone selling drugs.

On December 16th Gomes pleaded to the charges and also admitted that he was previously convicted in 2010 of negligent discharge of a firearm, a "Strike" under California's Three Strikes Law, which was used to double his sentence. Judge Scott T. Steffen then sentenced Joseph Brian Gomes to 8 years in state prison.

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