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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Robert James Brown
Drunken Driver Convicted

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Robert James Brown, age 33, of Modesto, was convicted after a three-day jury trial of Driving Under the Influence (DUI), having one prior DUI conviction. Deputy District Attorney Merrill Houtt prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events that occurred on August 23, 2008 at approximately 1:48 a.m., when a California Highway Patrol officer observed Brown driving southbound on Crows Landing Road in Modesto. Brown was speeding and driving on the wrong side of the road. Upon being detained, Brown displayed objective signs of intoxication and performed poorly on field sobriety tests. A breath test revealed that Brown's breath alcohol level was 0.10/0.10 percent. Brown was previously convicted of a alcohol related reckless driving on June 27, 2002 in Stanislaus County.

After receiving the verdict, the Honorable Donald E. Shaver placed Brown on 3 years informal probation, ordered him to pay specified fines, attend a Level II alcohol counseling program, and sentenced him to 10 days in the county jail.

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