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**PRESS RELEASE**

**For Immediate Release**

Date: July 1, 2009  
Re: People v. Danny Leon Copeland –Heroin  
possession results in prison sentence

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**Modesto, California** - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Danny Leon Copeland, age 51, of Modesto was convicted in 2 cases of possessing heroin. Deputy District Attorney Michael D. Houston prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events that occurred on two separate dates. The first occurred on September 10, 2008 when Copeland was arrested by Modesto police officers for possessing .20ml of heroin. Copeland entered the deferred entry of judgment program until it was determined he was not eligible for that program. On July 1, 2009 he was allowed to withdraw his plea and entered a no contest plea.

Copeland's second case occurred on June 10, 2009 when he was once again arrested by Modesto police officers for possessing heroin.

Upon entry of the pleas, the Honorable John G. Whiteside sentenced Copeland to 2 years in state prison in both cases to run concurrently. Copeland had previously served time in prison for burglary and was on parole at the time of these offenses.

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