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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Theodore Tyson Gonsalves –
Three years prison for Possession of
Heroin and Receiving Stolen Property

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Theodore Tyson Gonsalves, age 39, of Modesto, was convicted of Receiving Stolen Property and Possession of Heroin, and admitted having a prior felony conviction for which he served a commitment to state prison. Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey M. Laugero prosecuted the case for the People.

On January 24, 2009, Gonsalves was contacted by Modesto police officers during a traffic stop at the Vintage Faire Mall. As Gonsalves got out of his vehicle, he dropped two rings he had been holding. An investigation revealed that the rings had been stolen from two stores at the mall. Gonsalves was on parole at the time of the incident.

Gonsalves was arrested again on May 6, 2009 when officers from the Modesto Police Department Narcotics Enforcement Team saw him buying heroin in a Modesto area parking lot. Gonsalves pled no contest to possession of stolen property and possession of heroin and admitted a prior prison commitment.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable Scott Steffen sentenced Gonsalves to 3 years in state prison.