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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Frank James Jones –
Methamphetamine User Sentenced
to 8 years in state prison

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Frank James Jones, age 35, of Modesto, was convicted of Possession of Methamphetamine. The defendant also admitted that he has served two prior terms in prison and was previously convicted of a felony which falls under California's "Three Strikes" law. Deputy District Attorney Abel C. K. Hung prosecuted the case on behalf of the People.

The case arose out of events that occurred on December 10, 2008 at approximately 10:27 p.m. While driving through a residential area in Modesto, a Modesto Police officer saw Jones act suspiciously by quickly ducking into a backyard through a side door. Jones appeared to do this when he saw the patrol vehicle. The officer, after passing the backyard, made a U-turn and saw Jones quickly coming out of the backyard through the side door. The officer contacted Jones to investigate further. During the course of the contact, the officer located a digital scale on Jones's person, a bag containing .18 grams net weight of crystal methamphetamine, and a hypodermic syringe. The defendant eventually admitted that the methamphetamine and syringe belonged to him.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable Ricardo Cordova sentenced Jones to 8 years in state prison.

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