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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Tomas Saucedo Lopez – Drunk Driver
Convicted

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Tomas Saucedo Lopez, age 47, of Manteca, was convicted on April 29, 2009 of Driving Under the Influence (DUI) after a two-day jury trial. Deputy District Attorney Miles Kowalski prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events that occurred on November 9, 2008 when California Highway Patrol Officer Reeves observed Lopez driving on State Route 33 at a high rate of speed. The officer used his patrol vehicle radar and measured the defendant's speed at 72 miles per hour. The officer made an enforcement stop at State Route 33 and McCracken Road. Upon contacting Lopez, the officer noticed that Lopez showed objective symptoms of intoxication. The officer conducted a DUI investigation which included a PAS test and field sobriety tests. The PAS results were .099 and .094%, and Lopez's performance on the field sobriety tests was consistent with him being under the influence of alcohol. Lopez was arrested for DUI. Approximately one hour after the stop and the PAS test was performed, the defendant submitted to a blood draw. The blood test revealed a blood alcohol concentration of .07%.

After hearing the verdict, the Honorable Ricardo Cordova placed the defendant on 3 years informal probation, ordered him to pay specified fines, attend a Level I alcohol counseling program, and sentenced him to 10 days in the county jail.

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