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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: People v. Billy Gene Miller
    Violation of Probation results in 16
    months in state prison

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Modesto, California   - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Bill Gene Miller, age 26, of Hickman was sentenced to state prison after admitting violations of probation in two (2) felony drug cases. Deputy District Attorney Michael D. Houston prosecuted the cases for the People.

Miller's cases were on calendar today for violations of probation, alleging he failed to report to his probation officer. In one case, he was eligible for drug treatment under Prop. 36. In the other case, he had pled guilty and entered the deferred judgment program. The Probation Department was recommending 60 days on each case consecutive, but when the defendant offered to go to state prison for 16 months in one case and to have the other case run concurrent, DDA Houston accepted the offer. Houston stated, "As I told the defense attorney, anytime the defendant OFFERS to go to state prison, I will ALWAYS accept the offer, when the recommendation is local incarceration." He went on to state, "I was very pleased to see that we have taken yet another person abusing drugs and violating the terms of his probation and removed him from this county for a period of time. The good people of Stanislaus County can feel safer after this disposition."

Upon admission of the probation violations, the Honorable John D. Freeland sentenced Miller to the agreed upon disposition of 16 months in state prison in one case with the other case to run concurrently.

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