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**PRESS RELEASE**

**For Immediate Release**

Date: April 2, 2009  
Re: Inpone Phitsanoukanh  
Drunk Driver Convicted

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**Modesto, California** - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Inpone Phitsanoukanh, age 33, of Stockton, was convicted on April 2<sup>nd</sup> after a three-day jury trial of driving under the influence (DUI). Deputy District Attorney Anthony Colacito prosecuted the case on behalf of the People.

The case arose out of events that occurred on March 9, 2008 in Modesto. Phitsanoukanh drove his vehicle in the downtown entertainment district without headlights for about a quarter of a mile. After a traffic stop, an officer with the California Highway Patrol conducted a sobriety evaluation. Phitsanoukanh showed objective signs of alcohol intoxication and performed field sobriety tests in a manner consistent with someone who was under the influence of alcohol. Breath tests showed his blood alcohol level to be .10/.09.

After hearing the verdict, the Honorable Thomas Zeff placed Phitsanoukanh on 3 years informal probation, ordered him to pay specified fines, attend a Level I alcohol counseling program, and sentenced him to 48 hours in the county jail.

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