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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Kristopher Daniel Rainey
Methamphetamine User Convicted

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Kristopher Daniel Rainey, age 24, of Modesto, was found guilty on February 19th after a three-day jury trial of felony Possession of Methamphetamine and misdemeanor Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Possession of a Hypodermic Syringe. Deputy District Attorney Tracy M. Roland prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events that occurred on February 19, 2008 when Modesto police officers responded to a disturbance call at an apartment on Coffee Road. A search of the apartment was subsequently conducted during which officers located 1.87 grams of methamphetamine and a syringe in a kitchen cabinet. Officers also located a glass methamphetamine pipe in a kitchen drawer and another glass methamphetamine pipe in a small box in the bedroom. Rainey lived at the apartment with his girlfriend, however, admitted it belonged to him and not her, and he was subsequently arrested. At trial Rainey's girlfriend testified that the methamphetamine, pipes, and syringe did not belong to either herself or Rainey, but to a previous roommate.

Upon receiving the jury's verdict, the Honorable John Freeland sentenced Rainey to three years felony probation and referred him to a drug rehabilitation program in lieu of any jail time as required by the terms of Proposition 36.

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