



OFFICE OF THE
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Stanislaus County
832 12th Street, Suite 300
Modesto, CA 95354
Mailing address: POB 442, Modesto, CA 95353
Telephone: (209) 525-5550 Fax: (209) 525-5545

Birgit Fladager
District Attorney
Carol Shipley
Assistant District Attorney
Chief Deputy District Attorneys
Jerry Begen
Alan Cassidy
Dave Harris

PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

For More Information Contact:

Date: March 26, 2009

Carol Shipley, Assistant District Attorney

Re: CHARLES THOMPSON – Possession
of Cocaine nets five years in state prison

Phone: (209) 525-5550

Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that CHARLES THOMPSON, age 40, of Modesto, was sentenced March 24, 2009, to a prison term of 5 years by the Honorable Judge Hurl Johnson following Thompson's conviction by court trial on February 20, 2009 for Possession of Cocaine. Deputy District Attorney Wendell Emerson prosecuted the case.

The case arose out of events that occurred on March 6, 2008 in the city of Modesto. THOMPSON was pulled over and arrested for driving while intoxicated on McHenry Ave in Modesto. During the arrest, THOMPSON was found to be in possession of cocaine.

Thompson also pled guilty to the charge of driving under the influence of an alcohol prior to the start of the trial. The court found to be true the enhancements that Thompson had previously been convicted of two serious felonies that fall under California's "Three Strikes" law and that Thompson had served three prior prison terms. Thereafter, Judge Johnson struck one of the "strike" priors.

###