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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Curtis Herbert Tipton

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Curtis Herbert Tipton, age 53 of Turlock, California, was sentenced to five years and eight months in state prison for driving under the influence causing injury and failing to appear in court on out on bail.

On May 24, 2013, Tipton was driving a vehicle when he rear-ended a van stopped ahead of him at an intersection, injuring the van's two occupants. When contacted by an officer from the Turlock Police Department, Tipton exhibited symptoms consistent with a person under the influence of a drug. A sample of his blood tested positive for methamphetamine.

On September 28, 2016, Tipton pled no contest to the felony charge of driving under the influence causing injury. Pursuant to the plea agreement, he agreed to return to court on October 18, 2016 to surrender and begin his three-year prison sentence. On October 18, Tipton requested additional time to surrender. He was permitted to return to court two days later. On October 20, 2016, Tipton failed to appear in court. The District Attorney's office filed additional charges as a result of Tipton's failure to appear in court.

On November 22, 2016, Tipton was arrested by officers with the Turlock Police Department for failing to appear in court for his driving under the influence case.

On December 22, 2016, Tipton pled no contest to the felony charge of failing to appear in court while out on bail. In addition, he admitted an enhancement that alleged he committed a new crime while out on bail.

Pursuant to a plea agreement, Honorable Linda McFadden sentenced Tipton to an additional two years and eight months. In total, Tipton is required to serve five years and eight months in state prison.

Deputy District Attorney Bianca Yip prosecuted the case for the People. Her position is funded by a grant provided by the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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