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## PRESS RELEASE

### **For Immediate Release**

Date: April 7, 2017  
Re: Christopher Leroy Baker  
DUI conviction and prison sentence

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**Modesto, California** - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Christopher Leroy Baker, 28 of Delhi, California, was sentenced to thirty-two months in state prison for felony driving under the influence.

On September 4, 2016, a Modesto Police officer stopped Baker for a traffic violation. The officer noticed Baker smelled of alcohol. Baker admitted he had been drinking and failed several field sobriety tests. A chemical test showed his blood alcohol content to be 0.24%, three times the legal limit of .08%.

Baker had previously been convicted of misdemeanor driving under the influence three times, elevating this fourth offense to a felony crime.

On February 7, 2017, Baker pled no contest to felony driving under the influence and admitted his three prior driving under the influence convictions. Baker also admitted he was convicted in 2010 of participating in a criminal street gang, which qualified as a "strike" under California's "Three Strikes Law".

On March 8, 2017, Judge Ricardo Cordova sentenced Baker to thirty-two months in state prison. Baker received sixteen months in prison which was then doubled for having the "strike" crime prior.

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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