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NEWS RELEASE

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Re: City of Hughson Mayor charged

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MODESTO, CALIFORNIA – District Attorney Jim Brazelton announced today that a criminal complaint has been filed in Stanislaus County Superior Court charging City of Hughson Mayor Bart Conner with one felony count of misappropriation of public funds occurring between March 10th, 2002 and January 28th, 2003. The charge was filed after the completion of an investigation conducted by the District Attorney's Office into a number of charges made by Conner using his City of Hughson credit card during that time period.

The crime charged is a felony under California law. A conviction is punishable by a range of sanctions including felony probation with no jail time, to up to four years in state prison. A conviction also brings with it a lifetime disqualification from holding public office.

Conner will receive a letter from the Stanislaus Superior court directing him to appear on July 30th, 2003 at 1:15 p.m. for arraignment on the charge.

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