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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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Re: ASHLOCK, BUHLER, ET AL.

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County Assistant District Attorney Carol Shipley announced today that charges were filed in the matter of People v. Lonnie Lamont Ashlock, Ronald B. Buhler and Wilma Sue Walls. The complaint alleges fourteen counts of Fraud perpetrated against seven separate victims. Additionally, there is a separate count of possession of methamphetamine against Ashlock only.

The charges arise from several real estate transactions that occurred between January 2002 and June of 2005 in which the defendants would obtain the trust of an individual who was seeking a loan to avoid foreclosure—and who would end up signing over title to their home.

The defendants surrendered themselves to the jail on December 1<sup>st</sup>. They were released upon posting bail and will be arraigned on December 22, 2005.