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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Jury Trial Conviction of Craig Leon

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County Assistant District Attorney Carol Shipley announced today that Craig Leon, 44, of Modesto, was convicted of possession of heroin for sale and transportation of heroin and after a jury trial which concluded February 1. Defendant also had two separate prior robbery convictions found true, and three separate prior commitments to prison found true. Deputy District Attorney John R. Mayne prosecuted the case.

Sentencing is scheduled for March 1, 2006. Mr. Leon faces a maximum sentence of 28 years to life imprisonment under California's Three Strikes law.

The case arose out of events which occurred on December 12, 2004 in the city of Modesto. Officer Ron Johnson testified that Mr. Leon rolled through a stop sign, cutting off his police cruiser. A search of Mr. Leon's truck revealed 11.53 grams of heroin in a glove on the dashboard. A police expert testified that the heroin had a street value of over \$1,000.

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