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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Conviction of Pedro Mota

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County Assistant District Attorney Carol Shipley announced today that Pedro C. Mota, 42, of Modesto, was convicted of driving under the influence of an alcoholic beverage and driving with a blood alcohol content of 0.08% or greater after a jury trial that concluded February 1, 2006. Deputy District Attorney Alice Su prosecuted the case.

After the verdict, Mr. Mota was sentenced by the Honorable Judge Loretta Murphy Begen to 48 hours in the County Jail and ordered to enroll and complete the Level 1 Driving Under the Influence class.

The case arose out of events that occurred on December 1, 2004 in the city of Modesto. An off-duty officer, Charles Wagner, observed Mr. Mota's car on Kiernan weaving side to side and failing to stop at the limit line at an intersection, instead making a complete stop only after his entire car had entered the intersection. A second officer who responded to the call, Officer JR Chituras, testified that he observed Mr. Mota's car straddle the center line and fail to stop at a STOP sign.

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