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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

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Re: Homer Lee Dixon

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Homer Lee Dixon, age 41, of Brentwood, was sentenced by Judge Nancy Ashley to five years in prison. Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey W. Mangar prosecuted the case.

The case arose out of events which occurred between August 2001 and July 2002. The defendant admitted that he fraudulently received income through Alameda County's In Home Support Services Program to take care of his mother claiming she was unable to care for herself. The defendant also received \$4,245 in cash aid and food stamps through the Stanislaus County Welfare Program after claiming he had no income. The defendant pled guilty to Welfare and Institutions Code section 10980(c)/11483- fraudulently obtaining aid on December 16, 2006 and sentencing was put over until after Christmas.

When the defendant failed to surrender to court on December 28, 2006, a bench warrant was issued. After the defendant was arrested on the warrant, he misled the court and stated that he was unable to surrender himself since he was in the Brentwood City jail. A phone call to the Brentwood Police Department revealed that the defendant deceived the court since he was arrested on an unrelated misdemeanor domestic violence matter on January 3, 2007. The defendant was sentenced to the aggravated term of three years, plus an additional two years for each of his prison priors, for a total of five years- the maximum sentence.

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