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William J. Carvalho, Jr. – Local time

for drug conviction

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that William J. Carvalho, Jr., age 31, of Modesto, was sentenced today for felony Possession of Marijuana for Sale and Transportation of Marijuana after a jury had convicted Carvalho on October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey M. Laugero prosecuted the case for the People.

The events occurred during an unrelated surveillance for a wanted subject on November 2, 2007. Officers from the Modesto Police Department observed Carvalho engaged in what appeared to be drug sales out of the trunk of a car. Carvalho eventually drove away in the car and was stopped by other MPD officers. A search of the car located approximately an ounce and a half of marijuana and over \$1500 in cash concealed in two containers.

The Honorable Hurl Johnson, citing primarily a lack of criminal history, sentenced Carvalho to 180 days in jail.