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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: William Ray Hammond-
Probation Violation Nets 3 years, 4 months
in state prison

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that William Ray Hammond admitted he violated the terms of his probation by failing to complete substance abuse treatment pursuant to Proposition 36.

Hammond was originally convicted on March 12, 2007 of two counts of possessing methamphetamine and having served two prior prison commitments. At that time, he was placed on 3 years felony probation and referred to the drug rehabilitation program. This is Hammond's second violation of probation. He had previously admitted to a violation of probation on May 21, 2008 for not completing the drug program.

Upon the admission, the Honorable Judge Siefkin sentenced William Ray Hammond to three years and 4 months in state prison.

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