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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Ryan Honnette - Arraignment

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Ryan Honnette was arraigned on charges of gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated, driving under the influence of alcohol causing injury, driving with a blood alcohol percentage of 0.08% or more causing injury. The last two charges have an enhancement alleging that Honnette's blood alcohol exceeded 0.15%.

Deputy District Attorney John R. Mayne is prosecuting the case for the People. Honnette's next hearing will be a pretrial conference December 10 in Department 3 before the Honorable John G. Whiteside.

The case relates to an October 18, 2008 single-vehicle collision. Honnette was a Stockton police officer at the time of the collision. The vehicular manslaughter count applies to the death of Matthew Miller, while the injury counts refer to a separate victim. Honnette's maximum exposure as charged is 10 years, 8 months in state prison.

Honnette is legally presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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