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German Jimenez-Jury Conviction

For Drunk Driving

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that German Jimenez, age 35, of Modesto, was convicted following a four-day jury trial of the misdemeanor offense of Driving Under the influence (DUI) on October 24, 2008. Deputy District Attorney Anthony M. Colacito prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events which occurred on December 1, 2006 when the defendant was driving on Highway 99 northbound near Tuolumne Blvd. A CHP officer attempted to stop Jiminez for weaving outside of his lane multiple times but the defendant took the Tuolumne Blvd exit and accelerated away from the officer into his nearby driveway. During the investigation, the defendant denied drinking any alcohol but showed signs of being under the influence. The defendant was arrested for suspicion of DUI and a subsequent blood test showed a blood-alcohol content of .09%.

The Honorable John Freeland, who presided over the trial, placed the defendant on 3 years informal probation, ordered him to pay specified fines, attend a Level I alcohol counseling program and sentenced him to 48 hours in the county jail.