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**PRESS RELEASE**

**For Immediate Release**

Date: 9/10/08  
Re: The People v. Saroeun Moun,  
Case No. 1242128

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**Modesto, California** - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Saroeun Moun, age 56, of Modesto, pled no contest and was found guilty of a felony charge of Welfare Fraud on September 10, 2008. The case was investigated by Stanislaus County Community Services Agency Special Investigative Unit Investigator Agustin Alberto. The case was prosecuted for the People by Deputy District Attorney Colleen Rhodes.

Mr. Moun was charged with Welfare Fraud as a result of his false statements on applications for Cash Aid and Food Stamp benefits. From May 2005 through April 2006, Mr. Moun falsely represented that his daughter lived in his home with him when in fact she did not. Moun collected Cash Aid and Food Stamps for the absent daughter, and in doing so defrauded the taxpayers of \$6,554 to which he was not entitled. Mr. Moun knew of the requirement to accurately disclose his true family composition at the time that he made the false statements.

The Honorable Ricardo Cordova sentenced Mr. Moun to 270 days in jail and five years of felony probation in the case. Mr. Moun will also be required to pay restitution of \$6,554, plus a restitution fund fine, monthly probation case management fees, court fines and other fees.

To report welfare fraud, contact the Special Investigations Unit at 209-558-2020.