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Date: November 20, 2008 Re: Billy Sexton – Sentenced to 11 years, 4 months in State Prison Carol Shipley, Assistant District Attorney Phone: (209) 525-5550

Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Billy Sexton, age 48, of Modesto, entered a plea of no contest to the felony charges of Possession of Heroin in Jail, Possession of a Weapon in Jail, and Petty Theft with Prior Theft Convictions and admitted one prior conviction which falls under the "Three Strikes Law". Deputy District Attorney Richard Gore prosecuted the case on behalf of the People.

On March 10, 2006 Sexton was seen taking some property from the backyard of a Ceres residence. He was arrested and charged with petty theft with prior petty theft convictions. Then on June 12, 2006, while incarcerated in the Stanislaus County Jail, Sexton was found to be in possession of heroin. On April 19, 2007, Sexton was found to be in possession of a jail house weapon while incarcerated in the Stanislaus County Jail.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable Scott Steffen sentenced the defendant to a total of 11 years and 4 months in state prison.

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