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Date: February 2, 2009 Re: Thomas Booth – Violation of Probation Results in 16 Months in State Prison Carol Shipley, Assistant District Attorney Phone: (209) 525-5550

Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Thomas Booth, age 40 of Modesto, admitted that he violated the terms of his probation by failing to register as a controlled substance offender, failing to participate in substance abuse counseling and failure to abstain from the use of controlled substances. Booth was originally sentenced to drug treatment under Proposition 36 for possession of methamphetamine. On June 13, 2007, those terms were deleted due to his failure to abide by the terms in the drug treatment program. At that time, he was placed on felony probation for three years and sentenced to 365 days in jail with drug terms. This is Booth's fourth violation of probation.

Upon the admission, the Honorable Ricardo Cordova sentenced Booth to 16 months in state prison.

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