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PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

Date: December 2, 2009
Re: Timothy Burton -
Habitual Drunk Driver Sentenced
To 6 Years in State Prison

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Timothy Burton, age 30, of Ceres, was convicted on December 2, 2009 of driving under the influence and having three or more prior drunk driving convictions. He also admitted having served two prior prison terms, as well as having one prior conviction that falls under California's "Three Strikes" law. Deputy District Attorney John R. Mayne prosecuted the case for the People.

On August 23, 2008, Burton was driving in the city of Riverbank. He was pulled over for suspicion of driving under the influence and field sobriety tests were initiated. During the field sobriety tests, he ran from police but was apprehended a short distance away. Burton's blood alcohol level was .11.

Upon entry of the guilty plea, the Honorable Ricardo Cordova sentenced Burton to 6 years in state prison, to be served consecutively to 8 months he received in a theft case.

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