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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: James Robert Jolley –
Methamphetamine User Convicted

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that James Robert Jolley, age 54, of Modesto, was convicted after a three-day jury trial of possession of methamphetamine. Deputy District Attorney Abel C. K. Hung prosecuted the case on behalf of the People.

The case arose out of events which occurred on May 26, 2007 when the defendant was contacted by Stanislaus County Sheriff deputies at 709 River Road in Modesto on an unrelated matter. During the course of the contact, the defendant was searched by the deputies who found a metal cigarette lighter case inside defendant's right front pant pocket. Upon closer examination of the cigarette lighter case, a plastic bindle containing a crystalline substance and a cut drinking straw were found inside the case. The crystalline substance was tested and verified to be crystal methamphetamine.

Upon accepting the verdict, the Honorable Nancy Ashley placed the defendant on three years formal probation and ordered him to participate in a drug treatment program pursuant to Proposition 36.

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