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PRESS RELEASE

<u>For Immediate Release</u> Date: September 11, 2009 Re: People v. Hassan Karriem – 12 years and 4 months for drug dealing For more information contact: Carol Shipley, Assistant District Attorney (209) 525-5550

MODESTO, CALIFORNIA - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced that Hassan Karriem, 31, of Modesto, was convicted of Possession of Cocaine Base for Sale and Possession of Ecstasy for Sale, felonies. Karriem also admitted having a prior conviction for robbery which falls under California's Three Strikes law and that he had served a prior prison commitment.

On April 20, 2009, police officers with the Modesto Narcotics Enforcement Team observed suspected drug transactions occurring in the parking lot of businesses located at 3rd and I Streets in Modesto. Officers entered the parking lot and contacted Karriem who was in the process of rolling a marijuana cigarette. Karriem was found to be on active state parole and was arrested. Karriem was searched and officers located fifteen individually packaged rocks of crack cocaine along with one ecstasy pill.

Upon entry of the guilty plea, the Honorable Scott Steffen sentenced Karriem to 12 years and 4 months in state prison.

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