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**PRESS RELEASE**

**For Immediate Release**

Date: February 3, 2009  
Re: Robert Speer convicted of Possession  
of Heroin

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Robert Speer, age 42, of Modesto, was convicted February 2, 2009 of possession of heroin and admitted to having one prior felony conviction which falls under California's "Three Strikes" law. Deputy District Attorney Robert J. Taro prosecuted the case on behalf of the People.

This case stems from events that occurred on May 28th, 2008 when the defendant had an appointment with his parole officer. Upon searching the defendant, the parole officer found a small baggie of what appeared to be a controlled substance. Mr. Speer spontaneously stated, "You got me, its meth." Subsequent testing by the California Department of Justice showed that the item was actually heroin.

Sentencing is scheduled on March 4th, 2009 before the Honorable Marie Silveira. Speer is facing maximum of six years in state prison.

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