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Re: CHARLES THOMPSON – convicted

of possession of methamphetamine and drunk

driving.

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that CHARLES THOMPSON, age 40, of Stockton, was convicted after a court trial on February 20, 2009. Deputy District Attorney Wendell Emerson prosecuted the case.

The case arose out of events which occurred on March 6, 2008 in the city of Modesto. On that date, THOMPSON was pulled over on McHenry Avenue at Standiford Avenue and arrested for driving while intoxicated. During the arrest, THOMPSON was found to be in possession of cocaine.

The court convicted THOMPSON of one count of possession of a controlled substance. Thompson pled guilty to the charge of driving under the influence of alcohol prior to the start of the trial. The court also found true that Thompson had previously served three prior prison terms and had been convicted on separate occasions of two serious felonies.

The Honorable Hurl Johnson, who presided over the trial, scheduled sentencing for Thompson on March 20, 2009. Thompson faces a maximum of nine years in state prison.