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Juvenal Torres – Hit and Run

Conviction

Re:

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Juvenal Torres, age 66, of Patterson was convicted of misdemeanor Hit and Run after a two-day jury trial that began on February 3, 2009. Deputy District Attorney Anthony Colacito prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events which occurred on January 13, 2008 when defendant fled the scene of a property damage-only collision at Sperry Ave and Ward Ave in Patterson. The defendant failed to identify himself as the driver of his vehicle or exchange any information before he drove to his nearby home. Stanislaus Sheriff's deputies investigated the case.

Following the conviction, the Honorable Dawna Frenchie Reeves placed the defendant on 3 years informal probation and sentenced him to 2 days in the county jail.