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**PRESS RELEASE**

**For Immediate Release**

Date: May 5, 2009  
Re: Jose Zamora  
Heroin user sentenced to 10 years  
In state prison

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Jose Zamora, age 49, of Modesto, was convicted of possession of heroin and admitted having previously served four separate prison terms and also been convicted of one serious/violent felony which falls under California's "Three Strikes" law. Deputy District Attorney Michael Houston prosecuted the case on behalf of the People.

A Modesto Police officer was dispatched to a call of a suspect walking in and out of oncoming traffic near 9th Street in Modesto. Once the officer encountered Zamora, he noticed that Zamora's eyes were bloodshot and watery. Based upon the erratic behavior of Zamora and the observations of the officer, Zamora was arrested for the misdemeanor offense of drunk in public. A subsequent search of Zamora revealed heroin concealed upon his person.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable John Freeland sentenced Zamora to 10 years in state prison.

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