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Re: Miguel Angel Moreno

Miguel Angel Moreno
Drunk Driver Convicted

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Miguel Angel Moreno, age 26, of Turlock, was convicted after a five-day jury trial of Driving Under the Influence (DUI) and Resisting Arrest. Deputy District Attorney Miles Kowalski prosecuted the case for the People.

On January 15, 2009, in Turlock, Officer Christopher Reeves of the California Highway Patrol heard screeching tires and observed Moreno make a wide right turn and drive into the opposite lane of traffic. Officer Reeves flagged down Moreno near the entrance to the Denny's parking lot at Lander Ave. and East Glenwood Ave. Officer Reeves noticed Moreno exhibited symptoms of intoxication and instructed Moreno to get out of his vehicle, but Moreno refused, saying that he had to park. Moreno drove into and through the parking lot, eventually coming to a stop at the opposite end. Officer Reeves pursued on foot. When Moreno got out of the vehicle, he claimed not to be the driver. Officer Reeves conducted a DUI investigation and concluded that Moreno was under the influence of alcohol. Moreno submitted to a breath test which showed his blood alcohol level was .11%.

Upon receiving the guilty verdict, the Honorable Judge Freeland placed Moreno on 3 years informal probation, ordered him to pay specified fines, attend Level I alcohol counseling, and sentenced him to 15 days in the county jail.