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PRESS RELEASE

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Date: February 2, 2010
Re: James Leonard Luke Osborne
Possession of Heroin, Stolen Property
And Evading a Peace Officer Results
In 4 Years in State Prison

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that James Leonard Luke Osborne, age 22, of Modesto, was sentenced on February 2, 2010 for possession of heroin, possession of stolen property, evading a peace officer and being out on bail at the time of the offenses. Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey M. Laugero prosecuted the case for the People.

On June 4, 2008, a search warrant was served at Osborne's family home where heroin and stolen property were found. On July 8, 2009, Osborne pled no contest to possession of heroin and possession of stolen property. Osborne was granted a stay of surrender to the jail until September 8, 2009, with an agreement that should Osborne fail to surrender, he would not be given a grant of probation and 365 days, but he would be sentenced to state prison. On September 8, 2009, Osborne appeared and requested a further stay of surrender that was granted due to a friend's death. The surrender date was extended to October 27, 2009. Osborne failed to surrender on October 27, 2009 and a no bail arrest warrant was issued. On January 9, 2010, CHP attempted to stop Osborne for a vehicle code violation. Osborne failed to yield and failed to stop at several stop signs driving at unsafe speeds until finally abandoning the car and running. Osborne was captured shortly afterwards.

The Honorable Timothy Salter sentenced Osborne to 4 years in state prison

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