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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Scot Pringle, Case #1225360

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Scot Pringle, age 36, of Modesto, was convicted of various felony crimes after entering guilty pleas on November 6, 2007 just minutes before opening statements were to begin in his felony jury trial.

At 12:40 in the afternoon of March 29th, 2007, numerous citizens called 911 to report Pringle driving recklessly in his Chevrolet pickup truck. He was seen speeding and running stop lights in the Modesto, Hughson, Empire and Waterford areas. Two children were seen jumping up onto a nearby fence in order to avoid being run down. Pringle caused at least two traffic accidents and fled the scene from both of them, the second time with the bumper of the other car he had hit still dragging from his truck. CHP Officer Crooker began following Pringle's trail of debris which included a broken and splintered stop sign and marks in the roadway caused by Pringle driving on the rim of his left front tire. Sheriff's Deputy Ownbey spotted Pringle's pickup on Santa Fe Road. Engine smoking and still dragging the bumper from the second accident, Pringle headed for Waterford, ignoring the Deputy's lights and siren. He was arrested after he crashed into an empty lot, narrowly missing a parked big rig. Refusing to provide any information to the Officers, Pringle was transported to Doctor's Medical Center where his urine tested positive for methamphetamine.

On Tuesday, November 6th, at the very beginning of his felony jury trial, Pringle pled guilty to all of the charges against him including, felony Evading Arrest, leaving the scene of two traffic accidents, Driving Under the Influence of Drugs (DUI), and Resisting or Delaying Arrest. His case was referred to the Probation department for their investigation and report. Sentencing is scheduled for November 27, 2007 in Department 11 before Judge Timothy W. Salter. Pringle faces a maximum potential punishment of incarceration in the state prison for a specific term to be determined at sentencing.