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PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

Date: September 3, 2010
Re: James Harold Monroe
32 Months Prison for Felony
Indecent Exposure

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that James Harold Monroe, age 56, of Modesto, was sentenced by the Honorable Ricardo Cordova on September 2, 2010 to 32 months in state prison after being convicted by a jury on August 5, 2010 of one felony charge of indecent exposure. Deputy District Attorney Elaine G. Casillas prosecuted the case for the People.

On April 18, 2010, a 17-year-old female was walking from her home in Modesto to a neighborhood store when she saw Monroe sitting in his truck in a driveway with his legs sticking out of the driver's side door. She made eye contact with him and noticed he had his hand on his exposed penis and was masturbating as he smiled at her. Monroe's shorts were pulled down to his knees. The minor continued to walk away and law enforcement was contacted.

Monroe was previously convicted of a misdemeanor charge of indecent exposure in 1983, as well as had previously served a prison term for residential robbery which falls under California's "Three Strikes" law.

Monroe will have to register as a sex offender for his lifetime.

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