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MADERA, CA. – District Attorney David A. Linn announced today that he has hired three new Deputy District Attorneys. Senior Deputy District Attorney John Baker, who has recently been serving as a Deputy in the Stanislaus County District Attorney’s Office, has been hired back to the Madera County District Attorney’s Office. He has spent time specializing in various assignments such as gangs, domestic violence, elder abuse, and homicide. He will initially be assigned to prosecute the calendar in Department 21 as well as specially assigned serious felony cases. Mr. Baker is a graduate of Fresno State and holds his law degree from McGeorge School of Law.

Mary Thornton is re-joining the Madera County District Attorney’s Office. Mary is a Fresno State and San Joaquin College of Law graduate. She originally was a Deputy District Attorney in Madera County from 2009 to 2013, and has previously handled general calendar assignments and MADNET prosecutions, as well as homicide, arson, and animal abuse cases. Mary returns to Madera from the Kings County District Attorney’s Office. Mary will function as a Senior Deputy District Attorney.

D.A. Linn also announced that he has hired Jason M. Leong, a recent admittee to the California State Bar, to serve as a Deputy District Attorney. Mr. Leong is a graduate of the University of California, Berkley, and attended the University of California, Hastings Law School. He is currently employed as a Law Clerk for the Honorable Judge Stewart Hing as a Judicial Research Attorney in San Francisco. Mr. Leong will be responsible for handling the Court’s Traffic Division, assisting as a line deputy in other departments, and doing assigned in-depth legal research for the numerous high profile cases the department is currently prosecuting.

D.A. Linn stated that he is extremely pleased with his new hires and that he believes that his office will continue to function in an extremely professional manner. Linn stated, “As I tell my staff, every week they are the best.”