



OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY COUNTY OF MADERA

MADERA COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER
209 W. Yosemite Avenue/Madera, California 93637
(559)675-7726 / FAX (559)673-0430

David A. Linn, District Attorney

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Thursday, April 23, 2015

Contact: David A. Linn
District Attorney
(559) 675-7726

EUGENE OLIVER LEONARDO SENTENCED FOR STEALING FUEL

MADERA, CA. – Eugene Oliver Leonardo, age 45, of Merced was sentenced this week to serve 120 days in jail for petty theft and violation of probation. He remains on probation for an earlier conviction for possession of stolen property

Leonardo was charged in mid-April 2015 after an investigation by Madera County Sheriff's Detective Adam McEwen. Reports indicate that Leonardo entered a fuel storage structure on a farm near Chowchilla and began to steal fuel.

Madera County District Attorney David A. Linn praised the efforts of the Sheriff's Department. "The swift and efficient investigation led to a successful prosecution in this case, and we will continue to vigorously prosecute suspects in order to protect the Madera county community" Linn said.

The case was prosecuted by Senior Deputy District Attorney Todd Spangler of the District Attorney's Agricultural and Water Crimes Task Force. He added: "We are happy that we were able to obtain a timely conviction and hold the defendant accountable for his actions."