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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Re: Daniel Kalis Pleads No Contest**

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Former Eureka Police Officer Daniel Jason Kalis, 36, of Arcata, pleaded no contest yesterday to felony possession of heroin. He also pled guilty to misdemeanor vandalism and a misdemeanor count of unlawful disclosure of Department of Motor Vehicle records.

The Honorable Judge Christopher Wilson sentenced Kalis to 200 hours of community service and three years probation, pursuant to the California Penal Code. Kalis is also required to go through diversion, which includes participation in a drug education program. He faces up to three years of prison if he fails the terms of probation.

During the proceedings, Kalis also pleaded guilty to an outstanding 2009 Fish and Game violation and received a fine and one year of probation, to be served concurrent with the three year term.

"Mr. Kalis should get no more, nor any less, punishment than any other citizen would get if he or she engaged in similar conduct," noted district Attorney Paul Gallegos.

In January 2011, the Humboldt County District Attorney's Office (HCDA) Investigations Bureau began receiving reports of alleged criminal conduct on the part of Kalis, who was then employed as an officer with the Eureka Police Department (EPD).

In March, the Eureka Police Department and the Humboldt County District Attorney's Office initiated a joint investigation to examine Officer Kalis' potential criminal conduct while he was a member of the Eureka Police Department and on April 14, 2011, Humboldt County District Attorney's Office filed criminal charges against Kalis as a result of that investigation.

Prosecuting Deputy District Attorney Elan Firpo said, "The counts that Mr. Kalis pleaded guilty to captured the elements of his misconduct, which included the mishandling of contraband and using his position to harass his ex-wife. Mr. Kalis lost his moral compass during a bitter divorce and he has paid a heavy price in his personal life and within this community. There is no indication that Mr. Kalis poses a threat to the community and he has taken responsibility for his actions by pleading guilty. The court's decision to impose community service rather than jail appears just and consistent under these circumstances."