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Re: **Jury Verdict on Gregory Moore**

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MODESTO, CALIFORNIA – Stanislaus County District Attorney James Brazelton announced today that Gregory Moore, age 31, of Los Angeles, was convicted of felony battery on a former cohabitor and mother of his son after a three day jury trial that started on December 15th, 2003. Senior Deputy District Attorney Douglas Maner prosecuted the case on behalf of the People.

This case began back on June 24, 2003 when Moore and his former girlfriend had an argument over the telephone at about 9:00 p.m. Moore became so enraged by the conversation that he immediately drove from Los Angeles to Modesto to confront her, arriving about 4:00 a.m.. Once in Modesto, he picked up a teenage runaway girl outside a local store. Together they drove to his former girlfriend's house. While on the way, Moore told the runaway of his plans to beat up the girlfriend and mother of his child. Upon their arrival, Moore ran inside, assaulted the girlfriend in front of his own ten year old son as well as several others. Moore then fled to Los Angeles and bragged during the drive home to the runaway about what he had done. He was arrested and first prosecuted and convicted in Los Angeles for having sex with the teenage runaway. He was then brought to Stanislaus County to face charges for the beating of his ex-girlfriend.

During a jury trial before the Honorable Wray Ladine here in Stanislaus County, Moore

and several family members testified that he was in Los Angeles when the crime was committed. Both the victim and her ten year old son testified as to what actually happened. The teenage runaway also testified that Moore went to the victim's house, bragged along the way about what he was going to do, and after the attack described to her what he had done. A Stanislaus County Superior Court jury returned a guilty verdict after less than one hour of deliberations.

Moore waived jury trial on two prior prison commitments, one for theft and the other a drug related conviction, both of which were found true by Judge Ladine. A sentencing hearing is currently scheduled for January 16, 2004. Moore faces a maximum potential prison sentence of six years.

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