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NEWS RELEASE

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Re: Modesto City Mayor charged

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Modesto, California – District Attorney Jim Brazelton announced today that a criminal complaint has been filed in Stanislaus County Superior Court charging City of Modesto Mayor Carmen Sabatino with ten felony charges. The crimes involve eight alleged violations of Penal Code §118, perjury, one violation of Government Code §1090 relating to conflict of interest, and one count of Penal Code §424, misappropriation of public funds.

The crimes charged are all felonies under California law. A conviction on any one count is punishable by a wide range of sanctions including felony probation with no jail time up to and including the possibility of state prison and a fine.

The decision to proceed by way of a criminal complaint rather than grand jury hearing was made at the conclusion of the investigation, after a review of all the facts involved, and upon a determination that a criminal complaint filed in court and open to the public was in the best interests of justice and the case itself.

The Mayor was informed of today's filing by members of the District Attorney's staff. He will receive a letter from the Stanislaus Superior court directing him to appear on August, 15th, 2003 at 1:15 p.m. for arraignment on the charges.

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