



OFFICE OF THE  
**DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

Stanislaus County Courthouse  
11th and I Streets  
Room 200, 2nd Floor  
P.O. Box 442, Modesto, CA 95353

**JAMES C. BRAZELTON**  
District Attorney

(209) 525-5550

FAX: (209) 525-5545

---

**NEWS RELEASE**

For Immediate Release

Date: November 13, 2003

Re: **LORN JAMES THOMPSON**

For more information contact:

John J. Goold, Chief Deputy D.A.

(209) 525-5550

MODESTO, CALIFORNIA – Stanislaus County District Attorney James Brazelton announced today that LORN JAMES THOMPSON, age 25, of Modesto, was convicted Monday, November 10th of multiple felonies involving child sexual abuse after a two week jury trial. Superior Court Judge Wray Ladine presided over the trial and Deputy District Attorney Marlisa Ferreira prosecuted the case for the People.

The jury deliberated one day before convicting Thompson of Lewd and lascivious Acts on a child, Aggravated Sexual Assault on a child, Kidnaping with the intent to commit Rape, penetration with a Foreign object, Terroristic Threats and Intimidation of a Witness. The jury further found that the defendant personally used a deadly weapon and bound and tied the victim during the assault.

On September 27, 2001 Thompson, using a bicycle, abducted a 10 year old girl from Coleman Brown park in Modesto. He took her to an abandoned apartment building where he tied her up, covered her mouth with duct tape, threatened to kill her and sexually assaulted her at knifepoint. The victim was left tied up but was able to free herself. She was found by Modesto Police walking down the street. The following day Thompson rode his bicycle by the girl's house and waved a knife at her and her little brother. He was arrested shortly thereafter and charged with various sex offenses.

Thompson's next appearance in court is set for December 22, 2003 before Judge Ladine to make a determination as to his mental sanity at the time of the offense. If found to be sane at the time he committed these crimes, he faces the possibility of being sentenced to life in prison for the felony convictions.

# # #