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**NEWS RELEASE**

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Re: **Buddy Gary**

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MODESTO, CALIFORNIA – Stanislaus County District Attorney James Brazelton announced today that Buddy Gary, age 53, will be returned to Atascadero State Hospital for two years of further treatment following a court trial held last week before Stanislaus County Superior Court Judge Aldo Girolami. Deputy District Attorney Carolyn Matzger successfully prosecuted the case on behalf of the People of the State of California.

In 1972, Gary, then aged 20, was convicted of raping an 83 year old woman. In 1985, at age 33, he was again convicted of rape, this time involving a 66 year old woman. In 1996, Gary's parole was violated and he was returned to prison for 300 days after his girlfriend called the police to report a domestic violence incident. While in prison on the parole violation, Gary was evaluated for the Sexually Violent Predator program, and has been held at Atascadero for treatment under that program ever since.

Under the Sexually Violent Predator program, an inmate has the right to a trial at regular intervals to determine whether he will continue to be held for treatment.

Judge Girloami ordered Gary's new two year commitment to run from December

2003 to December 2005, when he will again be back in court for another trial.