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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

Contact: John J. Goold, Chief

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Re: Jimmy Mendez Alvarado Sr.

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Jimmy Mendez Alvarado Sr., age 42, of Riverbank, was convicted after a jury trial that ended January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2007, of felony annoying or molesting a child 14 or 15 years of age, one count of oral copulation of an unconscious person, and one count of oral copulation of a person under 16. Deputy District Attorney Elaine G. Casillas prosecuted the case for the People.

On September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2005, Riverbank Stanislaus County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a call in the early morning hours after the 14 year old victim was asleep and woke up to find Alvarado naked on her bed and orally copulating her.

After the jury returned their verdict, Prosecutor Casillas argued to the court that Alvarado should be remanded to jail pending sentencing based upon the outrageous nature of the sex acts involved and the likelihood he will be sentenced to state prison.

Judge Marie Sovey Silveira refused the People's request and allowed Alvarado to remain free on bail. Alvarado was ordered to return to court on February 28, 2007 for sentencing where he faces a maximum of 8 years in state prison.

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