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PRESS RELEASE

**For immediate release**

Date: October 30, 2007

Re: Jabari Lee Craft

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**Modesto, California** – Stanislaus County District Birgit Fladager announced today that Jabari Lee Craft, age 20, of Modesto, was convicted of one count of inflicting injury upon a child after a jury trial on October 26, 2007. Deputy District Attorney Elaine G. Casillas prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events which occurred on May 26, 2007 in the city of Modesto. Stanislaus County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to a Modesto home regarding a report of suspected child abuse. The deputies found a 2 year old child had been spanked numerous times with a belt by Craft, leaving several marks and bruising to the young child's arms, legs, and back.

Craft remains out on bail over the People's objection and will return to court on November 28, 2007 for sentencing before Judge Nancy Ashley. The maximum sentence he could receive is 6 years in prison.

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