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PRESS RELEASE

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Birgit Fladager announced today that Jesus Contreras Galvan, age 36, of Modesto was sentenced to life in state prison after having been previously convicted after a jury trial held in September. Deputy District Attorney Elizabeth Owen prosecuted the case on behalf of the People.

The case arose out of events which occurred on April 4, 2007, in the city of Modesto.

On April 4th, 2007, numerous calls were made to 911 reporting that a male was attacking a female in the residential area near Lance and Phoenix Avenues in Modesto. Officers responded to the area and found Galvan in the Dry Creek area, dragging the victim by her sweatshirt hood, toward the river.

Once at the river, Galvan held the victim's head under water in an effort to kill her. Officers fired a Taser to stop Galvan, but he continued to hold the victim in a choke hold and dragged her upstream to get away from the police. A police K9 distracted Garcia enough that he let the victim go. Once she swam to safety, he was arrested and subsequently booked into the Stanislaus County jail.

According to the victim, Garcia had threatened to drown her the night before and then threatened her again right before the attack started on April 4th. After being taken to the hospital, the victim, who was pregnant at the time, was treated for her injuries and released.

On September 13th, 2007, Garcia was convicted by a Stanislaus County Superior Court jury of Premeditated Attempted Murder, Kidnapping, Spousal Battery and Criminal Threats. Today, during a sentencing hearing before Stanislaus County Superior Court Judge John Whiteside, Garcia was ordered to serve life in state prison with the possibility of parole.

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