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Child Care Worker Pleads Guilty

Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Amanda Christine DaSilva, age 22, of Stevinson, was convicted February 13th of unlawful sexual intercourse with a minor after she pled "no contest." Deputy District Attorney Annette Rees prosecuted the case which was investigated by Turlock Police Department.

DaSilva was employed by Creative Alternatives, which manages group homes for youth. DaSilva initiated a relationship with a 15-year-old resident of one of the group homes run by the organization. "This was clearly consensual - but the juvenile was 15 years old, and in placement. When you are employed to be a child care worker, there are very clear boundaries that must be enforced," said Rees. The Honorable John G. Whiteside sentenced DaSilva to 90 days in custody, mental health counseling and 3 years of formal probation. Additionally, she was ordered to have no contact with the juvenile, including email and text messaging.

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