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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: David Douglas Dack – Attempted rape
nets defendant 18 months in state prison

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that David Douglas Dack, age 34, of Knights Ferry, was sentenced today by the Honorable Marie Silveira to 18 months in state prison after a jury convicted him on November 13, 2008 of one count of attempted rape. The maximum sentence he could have received was four years in prison. Deputy District Attorney Elaine G. Casillas prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events which occurred on July 24, 2007 in the city of Modesto. The female victim was closing her shop when Dack entered and informed her that a man was lying outside next to her car. The victim and her husband followed Dack outside, but did not find anyone near their car. While the victim arranged items in her car, Dack grabbed her from behind, pulling her toward a darkened alcove and attempted to sexually assault her. After a brief struggle with the victim yelling for help, Dack left in his vehicle. Dack was arrested two months later when he returned to the same shopping center and he was identified by the victim. In his possession was a duffel bag which contained ladies lingerie, panty hose, pornography and sex toys.

Deputy District Attorney Elaine G. Casillas argued that the manner in which the crime was carried out demonstrated criminal sophistication and planning with this victim as a target. "This has left the victim traumatized," Casillas stated.

Dack will be required to register as a sex offender for life.