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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Ramiro Raya – Child Molester
Convicted

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Ramiro Raya, age 20, of Empire, was convicted after a four-day jury trial that began March 10th, 2009 of committing a lewd and lascivious act with a child under the age of 14. Deputy District Attorney Annette Rees prosecuted the case on behalf of the People.

The case arose out of events that occurred when Raya, a long time family friend of the victim's mother, visited the family around midnight one night when he was drunk. While the victim's mother was in the shower, Raya inappropriately touched the nine-year-old. After the mother got out of the shower, Raya left and the mother found the child hiding under a blanket. The child then told her mother what had happened.

The Honorable John Freeland, who presided over the trial, scheduled a sentencing hearing for April 24th in Department 11.

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