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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Thomas Raymond Shockley – Child
Molester Convicted

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Thomas Raymond Shockley, age 52, of Manteca, was convicted after a five-day jury trial of committing a lewd and lascivious act upon a child under the age of 14. Deputy District Attorney Elaine G. Casillas prosecuted the case on behalf of the People. The Honorable Thomas Zeff presided over the trial.

The case arose out of events that occurred on October 17, 2007 when there was a get-together at the 10-year-old victim's home in honor of her birthday. The defendant arrived at the residence and gave the victim a kiss on her lips. He then proceeded to stick his tongue in her mouth, causing the victim to move away from him. A couple of days later, the defendant took the victim and her 9-year-old step-sister to the movies. While driving home, the victim sat in between the defendant and her sister in the defendant's vehicle. The defendant rubbed on the victim's bare stomach, and then proceeded to rub her private area over her clothes causing the victim to immediately move away from him.

Sentencing is scheduled for March 6, 2009. The defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of 8 years in prison. He remains out of custody pending the sentencing hearing in spite of a request by the prosecutor that he be remanded into custody.

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