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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Lewis Kurt Wilhelm – teacher convicted
of molesting a student

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Lewis Kurt Wilhelm, age 42, of Modesto, entered a no contest plea on May 15, 2009 to one count of annoying or molesting a child 14 or 15 years of age. Deputy District Attorney Elaine G. Casillas prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events which occurred during the month of July in 2007 in the city of Modesto. The 14 year old female victim was Wilhelm's student at Modesto High School. The two began a phone text messaging relationship which developed into the defendant taking the victim to his home at least three different times. During at least one of these visits, the two engaged in kissing and hugging. Wilhelm proceeded to fondle the victim until she stopped him.

The Honorable Marie Silveira scheduled Wilhelm's sentencing hearing for July 6, 2009. Wilhelm faces a maximum of three years in state prison.

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