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**PRESS RELEASE**

**For Immediate Release**

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Re: People v. Clem

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Wesley Harold Clem, Jr., age 31, of Modesto, was convicted on April 16, 2015 of assault with a deadly weapon. Deputy District Attorney Elaine G. Casillas prosecuted the case for the People.

Clem was in a dating relationship with the victim and they were living in a vacant building in Modesto. On February 20, 2015, Clem and the victim were in an argument. Clem threw a hammer at the victim which bounced off the cement, hit the victim and cut her ankle. The victim then ran to the nearby back door of the Haven Women's Center while Clem chased her. As the victim cowered down at the back door, Clem swung the hammer, hit the back door and left. Two employees of the Haven Women's Center observed Clem swinging the hammer towards the victim as he stood over her.

Judge Linda McFadden sentenced Clem to three years in state prison. Clem is now convicted of a "strike" under California's Three Strikes Law.

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