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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Richard Anthony Birts
Felony conviction & prison sentence

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Richard Anthony Birts, age 38, of Modesto, was convicted on December 1st, 2016 of felony domestic violence and sentenced to state prison. Deputy District Attorney Elaine G. Casillas prosecuted the case for the People.

On October 16, 2015, Birts became angry at the victim after she woke him up while getting ready to go to work. Birts physically assaulted her – hitting and pulling her hair until she called 911. Fearing being arrested by the police, he ran away.

Months later, on February 9, 2016, Birts contacted the victim, who was staying with family members. She agreed to meet Birts outside that residence. He immediately grabbed her by her hair, dragged her down the street and punched her in the mouth. When the victim called 911, Birts once again ran away. He was subsequently arrested and charged.

On December 1, 2016, Birts pleaded no contest to two counts of felony domestic violence before Judge Linda McFadden. McFadden then sentenced him to serve a total of 5 years in state prison.

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