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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **For Immediate Release**

Date: April 6, 2017  
Re: Pritpal Willis Lal, Prison Sentence

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Pritpal Willis Lal, age 29, of Ceres, was convicted and sentenced to state prison on March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Deputy District Attorney Heather M. Melton prosecuted this case on behalf of the People.

On August 18, 2016, Lal and the victim were in a verbal argument in Lal's vehicle. While driving, Lal refused to take the victim home, would not stop the car, and repeatedly struck her with his fists. When she attempted to escape, Lal forcibly pushed her from the moving vehicle which was going between 25 to 35 miles per an hour. Sheriff's deputies responded and arrested Lal for the assault. While still in custody, Lal called the victim numerous times, urged her to lie to the police and to refuse to go to court, even if served with a court order.

On March 28, 2017, pursuant to a plea agreement, Lal pled no contest to felony assault likely to cause great bodily injury, false imprisonment and three counts of dissuading a witness. He also admitted a 2014 residential burglary conviction, a "strike" under California's "Three Strikes" law, that was used to double his sentence. Judge Scott Steffen ordered Lal to serve a total of twenty-three years and four months in state prison.

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