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NEWS RELEASE

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Re: Sentencing of Kelli Pratt

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MODESTO, CALIFORNIA – Stanislaus County District Attorney James Brazelton announced today that, Kelli Pratt, aged 44, was sentenced Thursday October 30th, 2003 to felony probation for an October 7th, 2002 biting assault on her elderly husband.

Pratt, who suffers from severe cerebral palsy, attacked her 65 year-old husband by biting him several times. The husband subsequently died from a heart attack shortly after the incident.

Pratt pleaded guilty on May 21st, 2003 to the felony crimes of elder abuse with great bodily injury, felony battery on a spouse with great bodily injury, and misdemeanor battery on a peace officer. The misdemeanor occurred when Pratt was arrested by Modesto Police officers.

Superior Court Judge Michael Cummins sentenced Pratt to six years in state prison, suspended execution of that sentence, and then placed Pratt on felony probation for the next five years. Pratt was given credit for four hundred and twenty days of jail time. Probation terms include that Pratt live in a supervised living environment with twenty-four hour supervision and have no unsupervised access to the community.

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