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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Davis Sentencing

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Modesto, California . Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Darrick Davis, age 28, of Modesto, was sentenced on June 11th 2008 by the Honorable Donald E. Shaver to four years formal probation, 365 days in jail and 100 community service hours after having previously pled guilty on April 28, 2008 to felony Child Endangerment causing death. Deputy District Attorney Richard Gore prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of a tragic event which occurred on January 5, 2005, in the city of Modesto. On that date, Davis's son, Dusty Wright, then age 2, suffered permanent and disabling brain damage when a toy ping pong sized ball became lodged in the child's throat, cutting of the child's air supply and causing unconsciousness.

On July 18, 2007, Dusty Wright died as a consequence of the earlier 2005 injury. At the time of the child's death, it came to light that the child's father, Darrick Davis, had caused the injury to his son. Davis told Modesto Police Department Officers that he got mad at Dusty for continuously putting the ball in his mouth, and in order to teach the child a lesson, he pushed on the ball and it became lodged in the child's airway. Davis and other family members were unable to get the ball out of the boy's throat.

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