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**PRESS RELEASE**

**For Immediate Release**

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Re: Sentencing of Jason Lewis #1231113

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**Modesto, California** - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Jason Lewis, age 39, of Modesto was sentenced to 59 years to life today following a conviction by jury trial on September 12, 2008. Deputy District Attorney Annette Rees prosecuted the case for the People.

Lewis was convicted of raping an elderly woman in the early morning hours of January 2008. He carried a knife, covered his face, tied her hands and raped her in her own bedroom. He took away the bottom sheet before he left, and threatened her that he would return if she reported the crime. Sperm was located on the remaining mattress pad which matched Lewis' DNA that was on file in the State DNA databank. Lewis was convicted of felony assault in February and his DNA was on file from that conviction.

Although the elderly victim did not want to see Lewis in court again, her neighbors and fellow members of her community organization submitted an impact letter to Judge Johnson who presided over the trial and sentencing:

“Are things so bad here that you find it necessary to brutalize a helpless elderly woman? We won't forget you Mr. Lewis. We won't forget that human beings like you exist in the United States of America. We will look over our shoulders, lock our doors and lock our breaker boxes. You have reminded us that evil, evil as ugly as anything done in faraway places, exists in our backyards.”

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