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PRESS RELEASE

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Date: November 19, 2009
Re: William Barstow-Convicted
For Domestic Battery

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that William Barstow, age 46, of Modesto, was convicted of misdemeanor domestic battery on November 13th after a four-day jury trial. Deputy District Attorney Meghan Greerty prosecuted the case for the People.

On November 12, 2008, in Modesto, Barstow became involved in an argument with his girlfriend. During the argument, Barstow grabbed the victim around her neck, lifted her up in the air and pushed her to the ground. When the victim attempted to leave, Barstow grabbed her and pulled her back into the house. The victim again ran outside, where she was contacted by a nearby MPD officer on patrol. Barstow denied hitting the victim. The victim described prior acts of domestic violence by Barstow including an incident where he broke her nose and threatened to kill her. Barlow has served three prior prison terms.

On November 19, 2009, the Honorable Donald E. Shaver sentenced Barstow to 300 days in the county jail and ordered him to pay specified fines.

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