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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Julio Luevano Estrada – 3 years in
Prison for child molester

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Julio Luevano Estrada, age 57, of Modesto, was sentenced on September 28, 2009 to three years in state prison following a plea to Lewd and Lascivious Act with a child on June 30, 2009. Deputy District Attorney Annette Rees prosecuted the case for the People.

Estrada was a neighbor of the 6-year-old victim who would come over to play with his children. In April of 2008, the victim came running home from Estrada's home and told her older sister what had happened to her. Law enforcement was called and the child was interviewed. She later testified at the preliminary hearing on February 25, 2009 about the molestation. The victim's parents both spoke at today's sentencing, telling the Judge their family has not been the same. "She has trouble concentrating now, she doesn't act the same," said the victim's mother. "I try to be patient, but my family has suffered," said the father of the now 7-year-old.

The Honorable Donald E. Shaver, who heard the preliminary hearing and took Estrada's plea, sentenced Estrada to prison for the strike offense. In addition to his prison sentence, Estrada will be a lifetime sex offender registrant.

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