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**PRESS RELEASE**

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Re: Michael Anthony Garcia – Child Molester  
is sentenced to 6 years in state prison

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**Modesto, California** - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Michael Anthony Garcia, age 34, of Modesto, was convicted of the continuous sexual abuse of a child, a felony. Deputy District Attorney Elaine G. Casillas prosecuted the case for the People.

On December 20, 2008, the 15 year-old victim reported to a Modesto Police officer that Garcia had been sexually molesting her since she was 8 years old.

Both the victim and her mother spoke at the sentencing hearing addressing the court and Garcia regarding the trauma these acts have caused in their lives. "You robbed me of my childhood. You put me in adult situations. You manipulated me into believing it was my fault," the young victim told Garcia. She bravely added, "I'm here to show you, I'm not afraid. I know I will never be a victim again. I forgive you."

At the conclusion of the sentencing hearing, the Honorable Ricardo Cordova sentenced Garcia to six years in state prison. In addition to his prison sentence, Garcia will have to register a sex offender for life.

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