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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: David Smith - Pimping, Domestic Violence and

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Criminal Threats Result in 8 years, 8 months

in State Prison

Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that David Smith, age 35, of Modesto, was sentenced to eight years, eight months in prison for pimping, domestic violence, and criminal threats after having been convicted by jury trial in December, 2008. Deputy District Attorney John R. Mayne prosecuted the case for the People.

At the trial, testimony was given by the victim who was 19 when the crimes occurred. She testified that she was a homeless prostitute in Stockton when Smith offered to arrange for prostitution customers in Modesto in return for her turning over prostitution proceeds. She moved in with Smith and became his girlfriend. Smith also had another girlfriend at the house.

The victim testified that she told Smith she wanted to stop being a prostitute, but Smith struck and threatened her. Photographs were introduced showing injuries on her face, neck, arms and legs.

She testified that in April, 2007, she arranged for her sister to call the police. Sheriff's Deputy Kari Abbey saw the injured victim running along a roadway. After interviewing the victim, Deputy Abbey arranged for her to take a bus live with family members out of county.

The Honorable Donald E. Shaver sentenced Smith to the maximum amount of time allowed under the law, citing the fact that the defendant was an absconded parolee at the time of this crime.

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