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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Juan Tostada-Guilty of Attempted
Murder and Domestic Violence

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Juan Tostada, age 31, of Modesto, was convicted on November 4th following a four-day jury trial of attempted murder and domestic violence. Deputy District Attorney Nate Baker prosecuted the case for the People.

At approximately 6:00 a.m. on January 13, 2008, Tostada was waiting outside of his estranged wife's Modesto house. When she arrived home, he attacked her and knocked her to the ground. He then hit her numerous times in the face with his fists, and possibly with a rock. The victim's 15-year-old daughter heard noises and interrupted the attack. Tostada fled the scene. Every bone in the victim's face sustained multiple fractures. She needed reconstructive surgery and still suffers partial paralysis. Tostada was arrested 9 days later.

A court trial on Tostada's prior convictions is scheduled for December 4th. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled for a later date. Tostada faces a maximum sentence of 22 years in state prison.

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