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**PRESS RELEASE**

**For Immediate Release**

Date: October 2, 2009  
Re: People V. Vannest  
3 Years Prison for Assault with a  
Deadly Weapon

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**Modesto, California** - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Allen James Vannest age 33, of Turlock, was convicted on October 1, 2009 of Assault with a Deadly Weapon. Deputy District Attorney Rick Mury prosecuted the case for the People.

On July 15, 2009 in the city of Turlock, Vannest assaulted another individual with a golf club causing injury to the victim's side and stomach area. Vannest had been previously convicted of a serious felony, attempted arson, which falls under California's "Three Strikes" law and had also served a prior prison term for vehicle theft.

The Honorable Judge John Freeland sentenced the defendant to 3 years in prison.

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