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PRESS RELEASE

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Date: January 28, 2009
Re: Michael Rene Vickerman
Felony Assault Conviction
Puts Man in Prison for Three Years.

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Michael Rene Vickerman, age 37, of Modesto, was convicted of assault likely to produce great bodily injury, and admitted having served a prior prison term. Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey M. Laugero prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events which occurred on July 25, 2008 in Modesto when the defendant drove by his ex-cohabitating girlfriend's home and saw his ex-girlfriend and her male coworker outside the house. The defendant stopped his car and approached the male victim in an angry manner. The defendant introduced himself to the victim as, "Mike, the guy that's going to kill you," causing the victim to fear for his safety. The victim then backed away from the defendant and tried to get into his car. He was unsuccessful and the defendant continued to advance towards him. The victim saw a blade in the defendant's hand and continued backing away. Defendant's ex-girlfriend intervened long enough for the male victim to call 9-1-1 directly from his cell phone. When the defendant realized the victim was calling the police he left the scene after again threatening the victim. Deputies responded to the scene and the victim lead deputies to the defendant's home where he was located, identified and arrested.

Upon entry of the guilty plea, the Honorable Timothy Salter sentenced the defendant to three years in state prison.

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