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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Deric Tomas DeHart
Sex Offender Sentenced to 3 Years
Prison

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Deric DeHart, age 19, of Jamestown, was convicted of Sexual Penetration by Force or Fear of Injury on July 14, 2010. Deputy District Attorney Annette Rees prosecuted the case for the People.

On January 20, 2010 in Modesto, DeHart was staying with a male friend whose 16-year-old special needs sister also resided in the home. She testified at the preliminary hearing held on June 9, 2010 that DeHart moved to sit close to her on the couch while she was watching TV. He then used his body to hold her down, and sexually assaulted her. The victim then ran to the bathroom and locked herself in. She text messaged her brother from the bathroom and then ran to his room and told him what happened. The brother of the victim, who also appeared at the preliminary hearing, chased DeHart out of the home. He testified at the hearing that he had "never in my life" seen his sister that upset.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable Timothy W. Salter sentenced DeHart to three years in state prison and ordered him to register as a sex offender for the rest of his life.

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