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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Jessica Nicole Leyva
4 Years State Prison for Child Abuse

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Jessica Nicole Leyva, age 23, of Modesto, was convicted on December 7, 2010 of felony child abuse. Deputy District Attorney Elaine G. Casillas prosecuted the case for the People.

On April 25, 2010, Leyva's relative reported that the victim, a 10-year-child, was being physically abused by Leyva. The child was found to have cuts, scars, burn marks, bruising and other injuries from her head to her toes. The child was abused by Leyva for at least 3 years including placing a pen under her toenails and placing her finger in hot grease.

After the entry of a no contest plea by Leyva, the Honorable Ricardo Cordova sentenced Leyva to 4 years in state prison.

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