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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Ronald Johnson
18 Years Prison for Domestic
Violence and Witness Intimidation

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Ronald Johnson, age 39, of Modesto, was sentenced to 18 years in state prison for Domestic Violence and Intimidating a Witness. Johnson also admitted having a prior conviction that falls under California's "Three Strikes" law. Deputy District Attorney John R. Mayne appeared at the sentencing hearing for the People.

On December 6, 2008, Ronald Johnson, 39, pushed his live-in girlfriend into a railing on the balcony, causing bruises. When she went to a convenience store to call the police, he told her that he knew how to work parole and would "show her what payback was all about." Johnson was convicted at a jury trial in June 2010 during which Deputy District Attorney Nate Baker prosecuted the case for the People.

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