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Re: John Earl Smith Jr. 1430217

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that John Earl Smith, Jr., age 38, of Riverbank, was convicted on May 9, 2011 of felony battery on a cohabitor. Deputy District Attorney Carolyn Matzger prosecuted the case for the People.

On April 1, 2011, Smith hit and strangled his live-in girlfriend. She survived, but she had bruising on her legs, feet, arms, and under her chin.

Upon entry of the no contest plea, the Honorable Judge McFadden sentenced Smith to 3 years in state prison.

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