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**PRESS RELEASE**

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Re: Brian Michael Love

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**Modesto, California** - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Brian Love, age 47, of Modesto, was convicted on July 26, 2012 of two counts of Lewd and Lascivious Conduct with a Child under the Age of 14. Deputy District Attorney Beth O'Hara Owen prosecuted the case for the People.

On October 28, 2010, Love molested two young boys while bathing them.

The case was set for jury trial on July 24, 2012 and a jury was selected and sworn in on July 26, 2012. Moments before the People's opening statement, Love changed his mind and pled "no contest" to the charges.

At the sentencing hearing held on September 13, 2012, the victims' father spoke poignantly about the impact on his young boys. "This incident completely devastated our family and has shaken all of us to the core. If Brian would have done the right thing in the beginning and took responsibility for his actions by pleading at an early stage, I may have a different feeling; however, he put our family through hell!" he said. The father also told the court his wife and family have a peaceful, non-violent home and the actions of Brian Love had stirred emotions in him and that he has fought back the urge to handle it himself.

Judge John Freeland sentenced Love to 5 years in state prison.

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