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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Johnathan Chavez
Case #1416460

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Johnathan Chavez, age 22, of Modesto, was convicted of Lewd and Lascivious Act Upon a Child under the age of 14. Deputy District Attorney Annette Rees prosecuted the case for the People.

In 2010 at the age of 19, Chavez babysat his then 12-year-old relative. Chavez attempted to have sex with the child but was dissuaded. He did, however, digitally penetrate her and she reported it to her mother the next day.

Upon entry of the no contest plea, Judge Linda McFadden sentenced Chavez to three years in state prison. Chavez's sentence includes lifetime registration as a sex offender. His crime is also considered a "violent" felony so he cannot earn more than 15% good time credits and is eligible for 'one-strike' sentencing if he commits a future sex crime. He does not qualify for the new realignment sentencing due to his sex offender status. He is also subject to evaluation as a Sexually Violent Predator prior to his parole, with a potential lifetime commitment to a State Hospital for treatment.

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