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**PRESS RELEASE**

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Re: Mathew Deante Morgan  
Case #1447349

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**Modesto, California** - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Mathew Deante Morgan, age 21, of Modesto, was convicted on January 13, 2014 of Rape of an Intoxicated Person. Deputy District Attorney Annette Rees prosecuted the case for the People.

At a preliminary hearing on June 25, 2013, the victim testified that on July 6, 2012 she attended a party at a private home where several young people were drinking alcohol. She was 14 at the time. She was given sips of two different beverages and within 5 minutes she felt very badly and dizzy. The victim testified that she lay down and, the next thing she knew, Morgan and another juvenile male were having sex with her. She was unable to speak, did not know how her clothes had been removed or how she was able to leave the home. She was located at another home several hours later and taken to the hospital. A sexual assault exam was conducted and revealed the presence of Morgan's DNA. A toxicology screen revealed that the victim's blood alcohol level was .26.

DDA Rees told the Court "this young girl was too trusting of the people she thought were her friends and would not have let things happen to her. We will never know what other substance may have been in the cup of alcohol she was handed. And as a result, something was taken from her that she can never reclaim. This should not happen to an unsuspecting and innocent person. It's devastating."

Upon entry of a plea of no contest, Judge John Freeland sentenced Morgan to six years in state prison. The conviction is a strike offense and Morgan must register for life as a sex offender.

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