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PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

Date: July 23rd, 2015
Re: Peo. v. Martin Martinez

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today the filing of felony charges against Martin Martinez for the October 2nd, 2014 death of 2-year-old Christopher Ripley of Modesto.

A criminal complaint was filed this morning in Stanislaus County Superior Court alleging that Mr. Martinez has committed the following felonies: Count I, a violation of Penal Code section 187, murder, and in Count II, a violation of Penal Code section 273ab(a), assault on a child resulting in death. Upon conviction, each count carries the potential of a life sentence in state prison. A copy of the filed criminal complaint is attached to this press release.

Arraignment on the charges is scheduled for today, July 23rd at 1:30 p.m. in Department 8 of the Stanislaus County Superior Court.

As in any California criminal case, Mr. Martinez is presumed innocent of these charges until it is proven otherwise in court.

District Attorney Birgit Fladager has assigned Deputy District Attorney John Goold as the media contact person for this case. He may be contacted at phone number 209-652-1554.

Any further statements from this office will be limited to those allowed under the California Rules of Professional Conduct.

STANISLAUS COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
COUNTY OF STANISLAUS

BY _____
DEPUTY

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,)
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vs.)
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MARTIN MARTINEZ)
(DOB: 08/16/84))
(IN CUSTODY))
Booking No. 1375257)
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DEFENDANT(S))
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No. 1490008)
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COMPLAINT -- CRIMINAL

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State of California)
County of Stanislaus) ss.

ANNETTE REES, OF THE STANISLAUS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, complains and alleges, upon information and belief that said defendant(s) did commit the following crimes in the County of Stanislaus, State of California.

COUNT I: On or about September 30, 2014, defendant(s) did commit a felony, MURDER, violation of Section 187(a) of the California Penal Code, in that the defendant(s) did willfully, unlawfully, and feloniously and with malice aforethought murder CHRISTOPHER RIPLEY, a human being.

COUNT II: On or about September 30, 2014, defendant(s) did commit a Felony, CHILD ABUSE CAUSING DEATH, violation of Section 273ab(a) of the California Penal Code, in that the defendant(s) did willfully, unlawfully, and feloniously, having care and custody of a child under eight years of age, CHRISTOPHER RIPLEY a child TWO (2) YEARS OF AGE, assaulted said child by means of force likely to produce great bodily injury, resulting in the child's death.

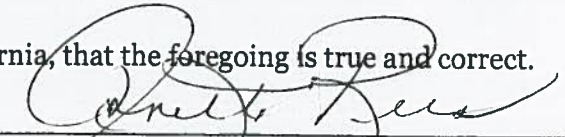
NOTICE: It is further alleged, pursuant to Penal Code Section 1170(h)(3) and 1170(f) that the defendant, MARTIN MARTINEZ, is not eligible to be sentenced to a term of imprisonment in the county jail on an executed sentence. This allegation is not subject to dismissal pursuant to Penal Code Section 1385.

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All of which is contrary to law in such cases made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the People of the State of California.

I certify under penalty of perjury, at Modesto, California, that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: 7/23/15


Complainant