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NEWS RELEASE

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Re: Ronnie Lee Moody conviction

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---MODESTO, CALIFORNIA – Stanislaus County District Attorney James Brazelton announced today that on June 9, Ronnie Lee Moody, age 33, was convicted of two counts of assaulting a police officer likely to produce great bodily injury, one count of attempted escape causing serious bodily injury and resisting an executive officer after a jury trial. The jury also found that Moody had been to state prison within the last five years. Deputy District Attorney Michael Houston prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events which occurred on February 26, 2005 at the Modesto Inn. The Modesto Police Department was assisting Parole Agents in the apprehension of Moody for parole violations. When Moody saw the uniformed officers, he led the officers and a K-9 dog on a foot chase that ended when Moody was found on top of a fence. While in the back of the patrol car and handcuffed, Moody intentionally kicked out the rear side window of the patrol car. When he did not comply with numerous commands of numerous police officers, Moody kicked out the other rear window, shattering shards of glass on Officer Jon Griffith's face. Griffith was taken to an area hospital where it was determined he suffered no injuries.

While being taken out of the rear of the patrol car by Officers Kelly Scott and Glenn Graves, Moody was able to grab Officer Graves' left thumb and bend it back, almost to Officer Graves' forearm. Officer Graves was treated at an area hospital and discharged the same day. After seeing two doctors, including a hand specialist, for nine months, it was determined Officer Graves had a partially torn tendon. He has since returned to fully active duty.

Moody will return to court on July 7, 2005 for sentencing before Judge John G. Whiteside. The maximum time he could receive is 7 years, 4 months.

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