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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Artith Loann Grimm

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Artith Loann Grimm, age 53, of Modesto, was ordered by Judge Nancy Ashley to pay \$96,340.50 after a restitution hearing. Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey W. Mangar prosecuted the case.

The case arose out of a series of fires between December 16, 2004 and August 30, 2005 which damaged the property of the defendant's daughter-in-law's family including a Suzuki Samurai, Ford Bronco, GMC truck, a trailer, a wooden fence, and their home on different occasions. The defendant was did not want her son to be married to his wife any longer, but the son and his wife live in Texas and her family in Modesto. On November 29, 2006 the defendant pled to two felony counts of arson under Penal Code Section 451(d) and received two years and eight months in state prison.

“Unfortunately the fire destroyed some sentimental things that money can never replace”, explained Mr. Mangar, “And left a son stunned in disbelief.”