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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Javier Lopez Ruiz - Jury Finds Man
Guilty of Domestic Violence

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Javier Lopez Ruiz, age 46, of Modesto, was found guilty by a jury on January 7, on the felony charges of abuse of a cohabitant, criminal threats and witness intimidation. Deputy District Attorney Nate Baker prosecuted the case. The Honorable John Whiteside presided over the trial.

The case arose out of events which occurred on June 29, 2008 in the city of Modesto. The defendant shoved his live-in girlfriend into a wall with such force that it broke a large hole in the drywall. He then grabbed her by the arms, causing bruises, and threatened to kill her. The defendant then forced the victim into the bedroom and prevented her from leaving the room to call police.

The defendant admitted a prior conviction for domestic violence. A sentencing hearing is scheduled for January 21. The defendant faces a maximum sentence of 6 years and 8 months in state prison.

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