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**PRESS RELEASE**

**For Immediate Release**

Date: September 9, 2009  
Re: Anthony Ruiz – 4 Years in State  
Prison for Child Endangerment

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**Modesto, California** - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Anthony Ruiz, age 34, of Oakdale, was convicted on September 9, 2009 of two counts of Child Endangerment. Deputy District Attorney Claire Arno prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events that occurred on March 5, 2009. Ruiz was staying at a friend's house in Oakdale. Ruiz became enraged with two of the resident minors in the household, ages 14 and 12. He picked up the 12-year-old by his neck and slammed him into a wall causing bruising; he also threw a beer can into the face of the 14-year-old girl causing a laceration to her nose. She received two stitches.

Ruiz had been convicted earlier of passing a forged check in a market in Oakdale.

Upon entry of the guilty plea, the Honorable John Freeland sentenced Ruiz to 4 years in state prison for the child endangerment and eight months for the forged check, to be served consecutively.

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