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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Anne Vanpraag –Conviction
For Battery and Resisting Arrest

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Anne Vanpraag, age 55, of Modesto, was found guilty after a 3-day jury trial of Battery and Resisting Arrest. Deputy District Attorney Merrill Hoult prosecuted the case for the People.

On December 14, 2008, Vanpraag, attacked her blind nineteen-year-old lodger as he sat in his room listening to his iPod. Vanpraag hit and scratched the lodger and pulled his hair. Officers from Modesto Police Department went to Vanpraag's home to investigate the crime. After Vanpraag was placed under arrest for battery, she ran from the officers. Vanpraag threw herself to the ground and refused to stand up despite the officers' repeated requests. Officers were eventually forced to assist Vanpraag to her feet.

Upon accepting the guilty verdicts, the Honorable Ricardo Cordova placed Vanpraag on 3 years' informal probation, ordered her to pay specified fines and restitution, serve 50 hours community service, attend anger management classes, and sentenced her to 74 days in the county jail.

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