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**PRESS RELEASE**

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Re: Coty Justin Flanagan

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**Modesto, California** - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that CODY JUSTIN FLANAGAN, age 21, of Modesto, was convicted on January 9, 2012 of carjacking and sexual battery. Deputy District Attorney Beth O'Hara Owen prosecuted the case for the People.

On January 22, 2011, a 19-year-old woman went to the downtown area of Modesto, to the local bars, with friends. She became intoxicated and decided to go to her car in the parking garage to "sleep it off." As Flanagan drove into the garage, he noticed her stumbling to her car. He and his cousin got into her car. She was unconscious at the time and Flanagan began driving her around town. Flanagan sexually fondled the victim and drove her to an orchard. Once they arrived at the orchard the victim awakened, was frightened and begged to be taken home. Flanagan pushed her out of the car and began to drive away. The victim held on to her car's side mirror and was dragged for approximately 20 feet. She then ran to a nearby house and called 911. Flanagan left his wallet at the scene and the victim was able to identify her attacker.

Upon entry of the no contest plea, the Honorable Linda McFadden sentenced Flanagan to 10 years in state prison.

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