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**PRESS RELEASE**

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Re: People v. Villasenor, E. Aguilar, R. Aguilar,  
and Hernandez 1465533

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**Modesto, California** - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that on July 9, 2014, Daniel Villasenor, age 20, was convicted of felony child abuse and admitted that he caused great bodily injury to the 7-week-old victim. Elizabeth Aguilar, age 19, was convicted of felony cultivation of marijuana. Raul Aguilar, age 27, was convicted of being an accessory after the fact, a felony. Maria Hernandez, age 32, was convicted of two counts of misdemeanor child abuse.

On November 8, 2013, witnesses saw Villasenor enter a bedroom alone with the 7-week-old victim. When Villasenor emerged with the baby, the victim appeared lifeless and was not breathing. The victim was taken to the hospital. Modesto Police Department officers went to the house where Villasenor, Elizabeth and Raul Aguilar, and Hernandez were living with the victim and Hernandez's children. The officers located an indoor marijuana grow.

Doctors examined the baby and found that she had multiple injuries including a lacerated liver, fractured ribs and bleeding in her brain. The doctors believed that these injuries were caused by child abuse. The baby was originally taken to Doctors Medical Center and was thereafter transported to Oakland Children's Hospital for further treatment. According to doctors, the baby appears to be recovering well from her injuries.

Upon entry of their no contest pleas, Judge Linda McFadden sentenced Villasenor to 6 years in state prison and ordered him to make restitution to the victim. Elizabeth Aguilar and Raul Aguilar were both sentenced to 485 days in county jail; and Maria Hernandez was sentenced to 270 days in county jail.