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## PRESS RELEASE

### For Immediate Release

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Re: People v. Christopher A. Magnani

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**Modesto, California** - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Christopher Andrew Magnani, age 30, was sentenced on September 6 after previously being convicted of continuous sexual abuse of a child on March 17, 2016 following a jury trial. Magnani was convicted of felony charges of Engaging in Three or More Acts of Substantial Sexual Conduct With a Child Under Age 14. Deputy District Attorney Arsineh Zargarian prosecuted the case for the People.

Magnani was the boyfriend of the victim's mother and lived with the family in Modesto from 2009 until 2012. The victim was 7 years old when Magnani began sexually abusing her. Magnani continued to sexually abuse her over a period of two years. The victim did not report the abuse because Magnani had threatened to hurt her and her family. Eventually, the victim confided in a family member. Upon learning that law enforcement was looking for him, Magnani fled. He was apprehended six months later in Ceres.

At the sentencing hearing, the victim made her impact statement to the judge. She told him that "Chris has taken my childhood away from me and it is something I can never get back." The defendant gave a statement in which he showed no remorse and continued to blame the victim.

Judge Thomas Zeff sentenced Magnani to six years in state prison. Continuous Sexual Abuse of a Child Under the Age of 14 is considered a serious and violent felony which means that Magnani must serve 85% of his sentence before he can be released on parole. It may be used to double any future prison sentence should he re-offend after release. Magnani was also ordered to provide a DNA sample and he must register for life as a sex offender.

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