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NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release Date: April 26, 2004 Re: Mattress N More #3 For more information contact: Carol Shipley, Assistant District Attorney (209) 525-5550

MODESTO, CALIFORNIA – Stanislaus County District Attorney James Brazelton announced today that his office obtained a civil judgment against a Turlock furniture store, Mattress N More #3, for violations of unfair competition and false advertising laws.

Mattress N More #3 is owned and operated by Jaswant Singh and Darilyn Williamson Singh. In a complaint filed by the District Attorney's office on October 9, 2003, it was alleged that Mattress N More #3 failed to hold a retail bedding dealer's license at all times while in business, selling or offering for sale unlabeled bedding and upholstered furniture, removing labels from upholstered furniture and bedding, falsely advertising merchandise, in particular, representing rebuilt mattresses as new.

The business received fines in the amount of \$12,500 for violating unfair business laws, \$2,500 for false advertising as civil penalties. They were further ordered to reimburse the Bureau of Home Furnishings and Thermal Insulation of the Department of Consumer Affairs \$6,237.96 for costs of investigation. Mattress N More #3 is also permanently enjoined from any future acts of unfair competition, any future violations of the Home Furnishing and Thermal Insulation Act, and any future acts of false advertising.

The case arose out of complaints to the District Attorney's Consumer Fraud Unit and an investigation by the Bureau of Home Furnishings and Thermal Insulation of the California Department of Consumer Affairs.