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Re: Promotion of Alan Cassidy Phone: (209) 525-5550

Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today the February 19th promotion of Alan Cassidy to Chief Deputy District Attorney. This promotion fills the vacancy created by the departure of John Goold, who left in December to accept a similar position with the Napa County District Attorney's office.

Mr. Cassidy has served as a prosecutor in the Modesto office since 1998. He has prosecuted all levels of crime, including homicides, robberies, kidnappings, elder abuse and drug violations.

Born into a military family in 1957, he moved to Modesto in 1962. He attended grade school and high school before moving to Okinawa, Japan, where his father had been transferred. He completed high school and commenced college in Japan.

Mr. Cassidy graduated from U.C. Irvine in 1985 and Southwestern University School of Law in 1988. He served as a Deputy District Attorney in the Orange County District Attorney's Office after attaining his law degree. He returned to Modesto in 1991 where he practiced law in the private sector, concentrating on Criminal law.

Mr. Cassidy lives in Modesto with his wife and two children.