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**PRESS RELEASE**

**For Immediate Release**

Date: September 23, 2008  
Re: People v. Christopher Woodard

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**Modesto, California** - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Christopher Woodard, age 40, of Modesto, pled guilty to one count of Assault with a Deadly Weapon in violation of Penal Code section 245(a)(1) on September 22, 2008. The defendant also admitted that he had previously been convicted of a serious felony. The Honorable Donald E. Shaver sentenced the defendant to state prison for six years.

The case arose out of events which occurred on August 31, 2008 in the city of Modesto. On that date, the defendant was loitering at a gas station in Modesto and confronting customers. The defendant was contacted by the victim, a patron. The defendant then assaulted the victim with a large stick. Officers were quickly dispatched to the location and arrested the defendant.

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