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Date: May 11, 2009 Re: Alfred Lowell Huskey – former Deputy Sheriff is sentenced to one year in the county jail Carol Shipley, Assistant District Attorney Phone: (209) 525-5550

Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Alfred Lowell "Chip" Huskey, former Stanislaus County Deputy Sheriff, of Modesto, was sentenced to 365 days in jail following his plea on March 10, 2009 to one felony count of unlawful sexual intercourse with a minor under the age of 16. Deputy District Attorney Annette Rees prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events which occurred fourteen years ago when the now grown stepdaughter of the defendant was 15 years old. The facts of the case involved the Defendant providing marijuana to his minor step-daughter and then having sexual intercourse with her on the living room floor of their home. The victim in the case made an emotional impact statement to Judge John G. Whiteside, who sentenced Huskey, and took his plea earlier this year. She told the Judge about her lifelong struggle with addiction was a result of the defendant molesting her, which began when she was just 3 years old.

In his statement to the Probation Department, the defendant blamed his use of alcohol and methamphetamine at that time in his life. He apologized to the victim and her family.

Although the Probation report recommended a prison sentence, the Honorable John Whiteside indicated the substantial mitigation in this case, defendant's lack of criminal history and his exemplary record as a deputy, outweighed the aggravating factors: his violation of trust, and the vulnerability of the victim. Judge Whiteside placed Huskey on three years of formal probation, ordered drug and alcohol terms, including testing, for Huskey throughout his probationary period.