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**PRESS RELEASE**

**For Immediate Release**

Date: October 27, 2009  
Re: Richard Allan Michel  
Conviction for Battery

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Richard Allan Michel II, age 37, of Modesto, was convicted after a week-long jury trial of battery. Deputy District Attorney Miles Kowalski prosecuted the case for the People.

On August 13, 2008, in the city of Waterford, a Garton Tractor employee, Felipe Maldonado, got lost and drove onto Michel's property by mistake. Mr. Maldonado was trying to get to a neighboring property, but drove down the wrong driveway and got stuck on a dirt road. Michel confronted Mr. Maldonado and called 911 when Mr. Maldonado refused to abandon his work truck and walk off the property. Michel struck Mr. Maldonado in the ribs with a MAG-LITE flashlight, and then called 911 a second time, stating that law enforcement was no longer needed.

Upon the entry of the guilty verdict, the Honorable Ricardo Cordova scheduled sentencing for November 17<sup>th</sup> in Department 8. The defendant is facing a maximum of six months in the county jail.

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