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Sprouse - State Prison for Domestic

Violence

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Gary William Sprouse, age 29, of Ceres, was convicted on September 28, 2009 of felony domestic violence. Deputy District Attorney Nathan Baker prosecuted the case.

The case arose out of events that occurred on April 21, 2009 in the city of Salida. Sprouse assaulted his cohabiting girlfriend by grabbing her arm and punching her in the face. The victim suffered bruises to her arm and face as a result of the attack. Sprouse was previously convicted of making criminal threats and he has served two prior prison terms for burglary and grand theft.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable John Whiteside sentenced Sprouse to 5 years in state prison.