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PRESS RELEASE

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Jorge Arturo Astorga, age 38, of Modesto, was sentenced by the Honorable Marie Silveira on July 6, 2011 to six years in state prison for two felony counts of lewd acts upon a child. Deputy District Attorney Elaine G. Casillas prosecuted the case for the People.

In December 2010, a 7-year-old child reported that Astorga had touched her genitals at various times throughout the year. After these incidents came to light, a 13-year-old child also reported having been touched sexually by Astorga from 2004 to 2007. The 13-year-old child's mother was present in court during the sentencing and asked Deputy District Attorney Casillas to read a brief statement the mother had written to the court. As requested, Casillas read in part, "...we all want you to know that we all feel very betrayed by what you did. You took the trust and acceptance that we all had in you and ripped it apart."

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