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**PRESS RELEASE**

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Re: Kathy Bronzini

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Kathy Bronzini, age 51, of Riverbank, was convicted on May 13, 2011 of second degree murder. Bronzini also admitted having a prior conviction in 2004 for assault with a deadly weapon, a "strike" under California's "Three Strikes" law. Deputy District Attorney John Baker prosecuted this case on behalf of the people.

On October 24, 2007, Bronzini repeatedly struck her 80-year-old roommate, Joe Garcia, on the head with a hammer inside Mr. Garcia's Riverbank home. Eventually, Mr. Garcia was able to flee outside where neighbors intervened and stopped the attack. Mr. Garcia subsequently succumbed to his injuries. Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department detectives responded to the scene and investigated the incident. Det. Mark Copeland obtained a confession from Bronzini.

The Honorable Ricardo Cordova sentenced Bronzini to thirty years to life in state prison.

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