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**PRESS RELEASE**

**For Immediate Release**

Date: October 28, 2008  
Re: People vs. Ronnie Lee Mathews  
Batterer Receives 3 Years in  
State Prison

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**Modesto, California** - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Ronnie Lee Mathews, age 42, of Modesto, entered a plea of guilty to a felony violation of Penal Code Section 273.5(a), battery on a cohabitor. Defendant also admitted he had previously been convicted of the same charge and admitted that he previously served a term in state prison. Deputy District Attorney Dawna Frenchie prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events which occurred on September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2008 in the city of Modesto. During a domestic dispute with his girlfriend, Matthews threw a bottle, striking her in the face and causing an injury.

Upon entry of his guilty plea, the Honorable John Whiteside sentenced Mathews to 3 years in state prison.

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