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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that James Hicks, age 41, of Modesto, was convicted on January 27, 2015 of Infliction of Injury on a Cohabitant, Threatening to Commit a Crime and Felon in Possession of Ammunition. Deputy District Attorney Wendell Emerson prosecuted the case for the People.

On September 17, 2015, Hicks made contact with his girlfriend at her residence here in Modesto. At that time, the defendant started an argument with the victim wherein the defendant became violent. During the argument, the defendant threatened to kill his girlfriend and punched her in the face and choked her. The assault left the victim with bruises, scraps and swelling to her neck and face. After the assault, the defendant fled the scene and remained at large despite law enforcement efforts to locate him. Several days later, the defendant returned to the victim's residence. The police were called out and eventually found the defendant hiding on the victim's property. When arrested, the victim was in possession of ammunition that he could not legally own due to prior felony convictions.

Upon entry of the no contest plea, the Honorable Dawna Reeves sentenced Hicks to 2 years in state prison.

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