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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**VERDICT IN CHILD KILLING CASE**

Woodland, CA – January 31, 2008 - A Yolo County jury has returned a guilty verdict against Javier Oliva Guerrero, 30, for the August 2004 killing of two-year-old Zenaido Mendoza. Guerrero was the boyfriend of the victim's mother and was responsible for the daily care of Zenaido. Dr. Mark Super of the Sacramento County Coroner's Office testified that the cause of the child's death was a "non-accidental blow to the abdomen" which caused major internal injuries, including a severed pancreas and ruptured spleen. Death, according to the doctor, occurred within thirty minutes to four hours from the time the child was injured. Guerrero was convicted of Felony Injury to a Child Causing Death, and faces a prison term of 25 years to life when he is sentenced on March 8, 2008.

In a comment on the case, prosecuting attorney Rob Gorman stated, "Crimes involving the death of a child are always particularly heartbreaking. I am very pleased with the outcome of this case."

District Attorney Jeff Reisig praised the efforts of the Yolo County jury that returned the verdict. "The jurors spent two days thoroughly reviewing all the evidence. Their hard work ensures that justice will be done for this heinous crime."

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