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KING CITY WOMAN SENTENCED TO 6 YEARS IN PRISON FOR CHILD ABUSE CAUSING GREAT BODILY INJURY

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Judge Julie R. Culver sentenced Rosa Ramirez, age 34, a resident of King City, to six years in prison for committing child abuse causing great bodily injury. The charge is considered a “strike” under California’s Three Strikes law.

On September 5, 2017, at around 2:12 p.m., officers from the King City Police Department and American Medical Response medical staff were dispatched to Rosa Ramirez’s residence on the report that Jane Doe, a 4-month-old baby, was unconscious and not breathing. Upon arriving on scene, Ramirez informed officers that she was Jane Doe’s babysitter and was watching over Doe while Doe’s parents were at work. Ramirez told the officers that Doe began to shake and foam at the mouth, and that she didn’t know what happened to Doe. Doe was transported to Mee Memorial Hospital and then to Lucille Packard Children’s Hospital at Stanford Medical Center for treatment. Doctors discovered that Doe had intracranial bleeding and abusive head trauma that was consistent with being shaken aggressively. Ramirez subsequently admitted to officers that when she was watching over Doe, Doe would not stop crying, so she placed Doe in her cradle and shook the cradle in an up and down motion for 30 minutes. Ramirez later changed her statement and said she shook Doe for 20 seconds. Ramirez admitted she was telling Doe to “shut up” as she was shaking her. Ramirez stated that Doe then began to have seizures, foam at the mouth, and then became unresponsive. Doe survived the assault because of the extensive medical treatment she received.

The case was investigated by District Attorney Investigators Maribel Torres-Hart, Jorge Ramirez, Jackie Meroney, Martin Sanchez, Peter Austen, Julie Callahan, Tony Rodriguez, and Jose Lopez, as well as Detective Joshue Partida and other officers from the King City Police Department.

At today’s sentencing hearing, Jane Doe’s mother addressed the Court and described the significant impact Ramirez’s actions have had and will continue to have on Jane Doe.