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**NEWS RELEASE
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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TIME 1:00 P.M**

UPDATE ON PARENTAL CHILD ABDUCTION

Modesto, CA – Sheriff's Family Crimes Unit detectives are still investigating the parental abduction of a 4-year old Landon Delaney. Landon is a black male and was last seen wearing khaki shorts and a brown polo shirt. He is 3 feet tall and weighs approximately 45 lbs. (No photo available).

On Friday July 17, 2009, Landon's mother, Merisha Jackson, a 31-year old a black female out of Modesto, CA took Landon to Mancini Park in Modesto for an unsupervised court ordered visit. She did not return Landon to his father that evening.

Detectives believe Jackson and the child spent Friday night at the Motel 6 on Orangeburg Ave., near Briggmore Ave., in Modesto, CA. Jackson was spotted at a bus stop across the street. Jackson and the child were later seen boarding an Amtrak train at approximately 5:00pm on Saturday, July 18, 2009. Detectives have confirmed that Jackson purchased two Amtrak tickets from Modesto to connect with CalTrain in San Francisco. Jackson's ultimate destination was Half Moon Bay, CA. It is unknown where Jackson and the boy got off the train. Detectives have not confirmed any ties Jackson may have to Half Moon Bay area.

Jackson is described as being 5'6" tall, 115 lbs., having red hair and brown eyes. She was last seen wearing a one-piece bathing suit and black/white shorts. (See attached photo). Sheriff's detectives say that the mother has a prior physical child abuse allegation involving one of the other children.

Anyone with information about this case is encouraged to contact Detective Randall Watkins (209) 525-7085 or (209) 525-7074. Callers can also leave an anonymous tip by calling Crime Stoppers at (209) 521-4636. Tipsters can also e-mail tips at <http://www.modestopolice.com/CrimeStoppers>, or text them to CRIMES (274637) by typing "Tip704" plus the message and be eligible for a cash reward.

For information regarding this press release please contact the Stanislaus County Sheriff's News Unit at (209) 652-6597.

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