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NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

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Re: Columbus Allen

Case # 1104901

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ACTING DISTRICT ATTORNEY CAROL SHIPLEY ANNOUNCED TODAY that the preliminary hearing for defendant Columbus Allen, Jr. has been continued to October 2nd , 2006 at 9:30 a.m. in order to give defense attorneys involved in the death penalty case more time to prepare.

The preliminary hearing was previously set for Monday, July 10th, 2006. In a court appearance this morning before Stanislaus County Superior Court Judge Hurl W. Johnson, defense attorneys for Allen asked for more time to prepare their case and the District Attorney's Office did not oppose the request. Judge Johnson also set a status hearing of September 25th, 2006 at 8:30 a.m. for attorneys to confirm that they would be ready for the preliminary hearing on October 2nd.

Allen is currently charged with murder with special circumstances stemming from the February 17th, 2006 killing of CHP Officer Earl Scott. Scott was shot to death during a traffic stop on Highway 99 near Hammett Avenue in Stanislaus County. Allen is eligible for the death penalty if convicted.

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