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NEWS RELEASE

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Re: Conviction of Edward Sandner

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County Chief Deputy District Attorney Birgit Fladager announces that Edward Sandner was convicted of first degree murder in a trial heard before Judge Rick Distaso last week. The jury returned its verdict on Friday afternoon, February 10th. Defendant Sandner was accused of stabbing Alan Colossio to death on June 15, 2003, on West Main Street in Turlock, in concert with two co-defendants. After stabbing the victim, the defendants then took his car and personal effects. The defendants were later apprehended in Modesto.

One of Sandner's co-defendants, Gary Reed, had previously been convicted of first degree murder for his participation in this crime; the remaining co-defendant is still pending trial. Deputy District Attorney Alan Cassidy prosecuted the cases against both Sandner and Reed. Mr. Lew Wentz represented defendant Sandner. Sentencing is scheduled for March 16, 2006. Sandner faces a sentence of 25 years-to-life in prison.

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