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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Daniel Lee Rigney, age 52, of Turlock, was convicted on August 8, 2013 of attempted murder causing great bodily injury and making criminal threats. Deputy District Attorney Beth O'Hara Owen prosecuted the case for the People.

On July 29, 2013 Daniel Rigney met with his former girlfriend at Donnelly Park in Turlock. They were there for her to obtain some of her personal property from Rigney. At one point in the meeting, Rigney became enraged and bear-hugged the victim. The victim punched Rigney. Rigney subsequently slashed her throat while saying, "Die, bitch, die." Passersby witnessed the attack and were able to pull Rigney off of the victim who was able to get to safety. She received two gashes to her neck which required staples.

Upon entry of a no contest plea, the Judge Whiteside sentenced Rigney to 8 years and 8 months in state prison. He was remanded and ordered transported to the state prison less than 10 days after the attack.

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