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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Wilfred McKenzie conviction

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Wilfred McKenzie, age 57, of Ceres, was convicted by a Stanislaus County Superior Court Jury on November 25th, 2015 of Stalking, Attempted Criminal Threats, and Assault with a Deadly Weapon on three separate victims along with an enhancement for committing those counts while being out on bail on a separate case of Disobeying a Domestic Violence Restraining Order.

On December 16th, 2014, McKenzie tried to run his estranged wife off the road in Ceres by ramming her vehicle with his own. Two Good-Samaritan drivers who saw the activity placed their vehicles between McKenzie and the victim in order to let her escape. McKenzie responded by trying to catch up to and ram her vehicle. He ended up colliding with a completely uninvolved car and injuring both people inside. When police arrived McKenzie admitted most of the conduct, claiming he was only trying to "scare" the victim.

Between August 4th and December 26th, 2015, McKenzie continuously harassed the victim by repeatedly coming by her house, sending her mail, leaving profane or vulgar voicemail, vandalizing her property and threatening to harm her - all in violation of a previously issued domestic violence restraining order.

Upon conviction, McKenzie was taken into custody pending sentencing on December 28th, 2015, before Judge Linda McFadden. He faces a maximum possible term of 9 years 8 months in state prison.

This case was prosecuted by Deputy District Monika Saini of the Special Victims Unit within the District Attorney's Office.

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