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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Carlos Ivan Flores
Voluntary manslaughter conviction

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Carlos Ivan Flores, age 21, of Turlock, has been convicted of voluntary manslaughter along with personally using a firearm, home invasion robbery, and committing an assault likely to produce great bodily injury. Flores also admitted that he was on bail when he committed these crimes. In a separate case, he was convicted of felony domestic violence for an earlier incident.

On August 2, 2015, Flores and a co-responsible forced their way into a home occupied by Jose Sepulveda, his wife, and their three young children ages 2, 8 and 12. Flores demanded money and threatened to shoot one of the children if he did not get what he wanted. Mr. Sepulveda tried to protect his family by wrestling the firearm away from Flores, but Flores shot and killed him. As Flores fled the scene he took with him the control box for the home's video surveillance system.

The case went to jury trial from February 7, 2017, through March 8, 2017. During deliberations, the jury deadlocked and was unable to reach a decision, forcing Judge Rick Distaso to declare a mistrial on March 13, 2017. After reviewing the state of the evidence and considering the jury's disagreement, the parties subsequently entered into an agreement where the defendant pled to the above charges on April 17, 2017. The agreement includes Flores serving 21 years and 4 months in state prison.

Judge Distaso set Flores's sentencing hearing for June 14, 2017 in order to enable the victim's family to appear and make statements to the court about how the defendant's crime has impacted their lives.

Deputy District Attorney Meghan Anderson prosecuted the case through jury trial on behalf of the People.

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