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PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

Date: August 24, 2017
Re: Matthew David Gibbs
Murder Charge

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Matthew David Gibbs, age 32, of Modesto has been charged with Murder in the August 22nd death of off-duty Modesto Police Sergeant Pershall.

Fladager said her office has filed criminal charges against Gibbs alleging Count I - Murder, Count II - Vehicular Manslaughter with a special allegation of committing great bodily injury during the offense and that Gibbs has a 2014 prior conviction from Siskiyou County for misdemeanor driving with a blood alcohol level of .08% or above. Count III alleges misdemeanor driving on a suspended or revoked license along with a prior conviction for driving on a suspended or revoked license from Siskiyou County.

No pleas were entered at today's court appearance. Gibbs requested to postpone the arraignment to give him more time to hire his own attorney. He returns to court on August 29, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. in Dept. 3 for further proceedings. His bail is currently set at "no bail."

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