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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Wqas Khan
Voluntary manslaughter conviction and
prison sentence

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Wqas Khan, age 31 of Stockton, has been convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to state prison. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Laugero prosecuted the case for the People.

On November 22, 2009, victim Ryan Steven Flores, age 33, was shot and killed in front of his residence in Ceres during a robbery. An investigation involving multiple agencies determined Khan was responsible for the killing.

On January 24, 2019, Khan pleaded no contest to charges of voluntary manslaughter and robbery and admitted using a gun during the crimes.

Upon entry of the guilty/no contest pleas, Judge Shawn Bessey sentenced Khan to serve 15 years in state prison. During the course of the prosecution, Khan was also charged and convicted in federal court for drug trafficking and received a concurrent ten-year sentence in federal prison.

These convictions constitute “strike” offenses under California’s “Three Strikes Law” that may be used to increase any sentence Khan receives for a future felony conviction.

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