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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Jacob David Silva
Voluntary manslaughter conviction and state
prison sentence

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Jacob David Silva, age 23, of Hayward, has been convicted of voluntary manslaughter and sentenced to state prison. Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey Darnell prosecuted the case for the People.

On November 4, 2014, Silva shot 29-year old Joseph Carl Levi Wyse in the face during a botched robbery attempt. A co-conspirator, Alexander Mendoza Silbeira, age 22, was previously convicted on May 5, 2017, when he pled to voluntary manslaughter and received a 6-year prison sentence. In February of 2015, another co-conspirator, 44-year old Anthony Centeno, hung himself in jail while awaiting trial.

On April 2, 2019, Silva pleaded no contest to voluntary manslaughter and admitted an enhancement for personal use of a firearm. At a sentencing hearing held on April 9, 2019, Judge Thomas Zeff sentenced him to an agreed upon term of 14 years in state prison.

Silva's conviction counts as a "strike" under California's "Three Strikes" law which may be used to increase his punishment for any future felony convictions once he is released from prison.

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