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PRESS RELEASE

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Date: March 26, 2021
Re: Phillip Duane Turley and
Alisha Nadine Gomes
Attempted murder case convictions

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Phillip Duane Turley, age 58, of Manteca, pleaded guilty on March 19, 2021 to premeditated attempted murder and co-defendant Alisha Nadine Gomes, age 32, of Modesto, pleaded guilty to attempted murder. Deputy District Attorney Merrill Hoult prosecuted the case on behalf of the People.

On November 22, 2016, Turley and Gomes armed themselves with knives before going to a trailer on Carpenter Road in Modesto to settle a previous dispute Turley had with one of the residents. Upon arrival, Turley confronted the male victim and stabbed him multiple times in the stomach and shoulder area, all the while telling the victim that he was going to die. Gomes attacked the female victim present and stabbed her repeatedly. Turley also stabbed the female several times. Both victims sustained life-threatening injuries.

On March 19, 2021, Gomes pleaded guilty before Judge Dawna Reeves to one count of attempted murder and admitted enhancements for using a knife during the attack and causing great bodily injury. Judge Reeves then sentenced Gomes to an agreed upon disposition of 13 years in state prison.

Turley also entered a plea on March 19, 2021 before Judge Reeves to one count of premeditated attempted murder and admitted enhancements for using a knife during the attack and causing great bodily injury. He also admitted that he was previously convicted of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in the State of Arizona. It is a serious felony under California's Three Strikes law which will be used to increase his sentence in the current case. His current conviction for premeditated attempted murder also counts as a "strike" offense and may be used to increase any future sentence should Turley be convicted of a felony if and when he is ever released from state prison.

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Turley's case has been referred to the Stanislaus County Probation Department for a report. He will return for sentencing on April 15, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. in Department 1 when it is expected he will be sentenced to serve 18 years-to-life in state prison.

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