

NEWS RELEASE

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Modesto, California –

District Attorney Jim Brazelton announced today that Defendant Steve Sloan was convicted by a Stanislaus County jury on Monday of second degree murder for the shooting death of Donny Price. Sloan shot Price on September 18th, 1999, with a 12 gauge shotgun, when they were both inside the Riverbank home of Sloan's girlfriend. Shortly before the shooting, Sloan had been angry at Price and another houseguest for allegedly bothering the girlfriend. After the murder, Sloan used two teenage boys to help him dump Price's body in a remote location in Merced County.

Sloan was previously convicted on February 21, 2001 by another jury of possessing a weapon or "shank" in the jail while he was awaiting trial on the murder charge. He is scheduled to be sentenced on both cases June 18th, 2001 in Department 2 of the Superior Court. He faces a maximum of life in prison.