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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Murder case filing

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County Assistant District Attorney Carol Shipley announced today that Edward Deandre Mitchell, age 19, and Laron Tavon Davis, age 22, have been charged with the June 7, 2006, murder of Balbir Boyal at the BK Liquors, 150 Riverside Drive in Modesto.

Mitchell and Davis were in court Friday afternoon before the Honorable Marie Silveria in Department 2 of the Stanislaus County Superior Court. No pleas were entered and the arraignment was continued until next Friday, June 23, 2006, at 10:00 a.m. in Department 2 for entry of plea. Both defendants were appointed counsel to represent them in this case.

Both Mitchell and Davis are charged with premeditated murder along with the special circumstance of committing the murder in the course of a robbery, plus firearm use enhancements. As currently charged, both defendants could face the death penalty. However, at this time the District Attorney's Office has delayed the decision on whether to seek a death sentence in this case until all the police reports in this matter can be fully reviewed.

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