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Modesto, California -- Stanislaus County Assistant District Attorney Carol Shipley announced today that Douglas Warner, age 55, was convicted of first degree murder after a week-long jury trial in Stanislaus County Superior Court before Judge Hurl Johnson.

On December 19th, 2004, Warner murdered Oakdale resident David Emmons in front of a neighbor's house. Warner had been dating Emmons' estranged wife at the time. In October of 2004, Emmons had made a prior police report to the Modesto Police Department alleging that Warner had physically abused Emmons' 5 year old daughter.

Deputy District Attorney Rob Taro prosecuted the case on behalf of the People. Taro argued to the jury that Warner drove to Oakdale intending to kill Emmons in revenge for making the child abuse allegations. The jury deliberated only about an hour before returning a guilty verdict for the shotgun-murder of Emmons.

Warner returns to August 8, 2004, for sentencing before Judge Johnson. According to Taro, at that time he will request the court impose a sentence of 25-life for the crime of murder in the first degree and an additional and consecutive term of 25-life for using a firearm during the murder.

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