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**PRESS RELEASE**

**For Immediate Release**

Date: November 14, 2008  
Re: People v. Rosa Rapalo Brizendine – jury  
convicts wife for the murder of her husband.

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**Modesto, California** - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Rosa Rapalo Brizendine, age 50, of Ceres, was convicted after a 12-day jury trial for the second degree murder of her husband, Alvin Brizendine. Deputy District Attorney Randy Fischer prosecuted the case on behalf of the People.

The case arose out of an incident on September 11, 2006 at the Brizendine home in Ceres. An argument began between the defendant and her husband over allegations that he was having an affair. During the argument, the defendant retrieved a gun from the bedroom, pointed and fired the gun at the victim's head. Wounded, the victim fled from his house to his son's mobile home located on the property, but the son was not home. The defendant followed the victim, and as he turned, holding out his hand to stop her, she fired again. The fatal bullet went through his hand and into his chest.

The Honorable Hurl Johnson, who presided over the jury trial, scheduled sentencing for January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. in Department 4. The defendant faces a possible sentence of 40 years to life as a result of this conviction.