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**PRESS RELEASE**

**For Immediate Release**

Date: December 23, 2008  
Re: 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Lighting of Homicide  
Victims' Memorial Tree and  
Candlelight Vigil

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**Modesto, California** - The Stanislaus County District Attorney Victim Services Unit held their 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Lighting of the Homicide Victims' Memorial Tree and Candlelight Vigil on Tuesday December 9, 2008. Over 300 people attended in memory of their loved ones and to place an ornament on the Memorial Christmas Tree. Speakers included District Attorney Birgit Fladager and homicide Detective Marc Nuno from the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department. Special music was provided by Pastor and Mrs. Brock Hoyer from the Modesto Free Methodist Church. Over 300 names of those taken in violence were read by Assistant District Attorney Carol Shipley. Light refreshments were served, candles were lit and the grand finale was the lighting of the 40 foot tree bearing the memorial ornaments.

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