



OFFICE OF THE
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Stanislaus County
832 12th Street, Suite 300
Modesto, CA 95354
Mailing address: POB 442, Modesto, CA 95353
Telephone: (209) 525-5550 Fax: (209) 525-5545

Birgit Fladager
District Attorney
Carol Shipley
Assistant District Attorney
Chief Deputy District Attorneys
Jerry Begen
Steve Casey
Alan Cassidy
Dave Harris

PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

Date: December 18, 2008
Re: Defendant found guilty of Assault with a
semi-automatic firearm.

For More Information Contact:

Carol Shipley, Assistant District Attorney
Phone: (209) 525-5550

Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Kenneth Milton Easley, age 21, of Antioch, California, was convicted of assault with a semi-automatic firearm after a two-week long jury trial. In addition to the felony offense, the jury found true the enhancements of personal use of a firearm and infliction of great bodily injury. Deputy District Attorney Nate Baker prosecuted the case. The Honorable Judge Marie Sovey Silveira presided over the case.

The case arose out of events which occurred on May 6, 2006 in the city of Newman. Easley and three other friends drove from Antioch to a party at a residence in Newman. An argument arose at the party and the defendant's group was asked to leave. Thirty to forty party-goers followed Easley and his friends outside and into the street. Several words and challenges were exchanged between the groups. Easley pulled a 9mm handgun from his pocket and told the crowd to back off. According to prosecution witnesses, the crowd stopped advancing on the defendant's group. Easley and another defense witness testified that the group continued to advance. Easley fired five shots, hitting the victim, Kristopher Moon, age 21, of Patterson, twice. Moon was struck in the head and back and is paralyzed as a result of the incident.

The sentencing hearing will be held on January 26, 2009. Easley faces maximum of 22 years in state prison.

###