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PRESS RELEASE

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Birgit Fladager announced today that Adam Valdobinos, age 30, of Oakdale, pled guilty to Voluntary Manslaughter with use of a gun, on July 30 before Judge Nancy Ashley. Chief Deputy District Attorney Steve Casey prosecuted the case.

The case arose out of events which occurred on June 29, 2003, in the city of Modesto. Adam Valdobinos, Anthony Rodriguez, Anita Cobleigh and Veronica Perez went to the home of Roberto Jimenez to rob him. The two females befriended Mr. Jimenez in the afternoon and stayed at his house to socialize. Later that evening, the females called Valdobinos and Rodriguez to have them come to the house and complete the robbery. Valdobinos and Rodriguez entered wearing masks and armed with guns. Mr. Jimenez was shot to death in his bedroom moments after Valdobinos demanded money. All four co-responsible then fled in a car with a getaway driver who was never arrested. The murder went cold until October 2003 when a citizen tip to the Sheriff's Office led to the arrests of the four co-responsible.

The two females pled guilty to home invasion robbery early in the prosecution and agreed to testify against Rodriguez and Valdobinos. The case was ultimately settled before trial on voluntary manslaughter charges because of the incomplete statements provided by the two females and a lack of evidence corroborating the females' statements. Anthony Rodriguez pled to Voluntary Manslaughter with a gun use in April 2008 for 10 years state prison. Adam Valdobinos will be sentenced on August 8 in Department 6 at 8:30. He will receive 15 years on this case in addition to being sentenced for a murder conviction he suffered in Department 6 on July 7 after a jury trial in a different case.

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