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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Timothy Carrillo-Conviction
For Two Counts of Murder

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Timothy Carrillo, age 35, of Ceres, was convicted after a month-and-a-half long jury trial of two counts of Murder, having discharged a firearm during the commission of the offense. Deputy District Attorney Richard Gore prosecuted the case for the People.

On April 25, 2007, at 4:00 a.m., the defendant went to his first cousin's apartment in Ceres in order to call out her boyfriend, Pete Garcia. The defendant had information that Garcia had been abusing his cousin earlier that evening. The defendant arrived at the apartment armed with a loaded handgun and knocked on a window. The cousin and Garcia came out of the bedroom, and the cousin opened the door and told Carrillo to leave. He refused. Garcia was also armed and a gunfight ensued. Garcia managed to shoot the defendant twice, but Garcia was killed by the defendant as well as an overnight guest who was on the couch. There was no definitive answer as to who fired first, but the evidence strongly pointed to a simultaneous outburst of gunfire.

Sentencing for Carrillo is scheduled for December 18, 2009.

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