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**PRESS RELEASE**

**For Immediate Release**

Date: February 25, 2009  
Re: Japan Terry Shirley – Convicted for  
Brandishing a Knife

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**Modesto, California** - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Japan Terry Shirley, age 62, of San Leandro, was convicted on February 25 after a two-day jury trial of the misdemeanor charge of brandishing a weapon. Deputy District Attorney Meghan Greerty prosecuted the case on behalf of the People.

The case arose out of events which occurred on June 16, 2009, in Modesto, when the defendant threatened the 14-year-old victim with a seven-inch knife as the victim came out of his home. The victim's family and the defendant were neighbors at the time of the incident.

The Honorable Hurl Johnson, who presided over the trial, placed the defendant on three years informal probation, ordered him to attend alcohol counseling, pay specified fines, and sentenced him to 60 days in the county jail.

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