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**PRESS RELEASE**

**For Immediate Release**

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Re: Ramon Guardado – Life without  
Parole for Murder

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that **Ramon Guardado** was sentenced by the Honorable Scott Steffen to state prison for Life Without Possibility of Parole, plus an additional year for the use of a knife. In December of 2008, Guardado was convicted of Murder in the First Degree in the stabbing death of Joseph Badal, of Turlock, that occurred on May 10, 2006. Chief Deputy District Attorney Jerry Begen prosecuted the case for the People.

On May 10, 2006, Badal met Guardado and his companion for the first time in the parking lot of a bar on Crows Landing Road, just minutes before the murder. Guardado and the companion rode with Badal to a remote neighborhood off of Hatch Road and Crowslanding Road. Guardado pulled a steak knife from his pocket and held it to Badal's neck and a struggle followed, during which Badal was fatally stabbed in the right chest. Badal managed to get out of his car but slumped to the ground mortally wounded. After the stabbing, Guardado and the companion took Badal's car and fled the scene.