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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Randy Scott Salazar
and Krysta Rashell LaFrancis

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Randy Scott Salazar and Krysta Rashell LaFrancis were convicted on June 19, 2015 of robbery and felony assault based on two separate incidents. Deputy District Attorney Jessica Bustos prosecuted the case.

On July 3, 2014 during the early morning hours in Ceres, the first victim was walking home after getting a flat bike tire. The two defendants approached him with their pit bull dog. Salazar took a hat off of the victim's head and stabbed him with a sharp instrument just below the chest area. The victim attempted to get away and the dog and Salazar chased after him. Salazar continued to assault him and took the victim's backpack. The second defendant, LaFrancis, took the victim's bicycle and both then walked. The victim was able to reach a fire station to get help. A short time later, the second victim drove by and inadvertently hit the pit bull dog when it ran into the middle of the street. The driver stopped to check on the dog. Salazar angrily confronted him and attempted to strike him several times with his fists and then eventually stabbed the driver in the stomach area. Both victims were treated in nearby hospitals and recovered after medical treatment. Both defendants fled the scene and were later apprehended.

On June 19, 2015, Salazar pled no contest to robbery of the first victim and admitted to personally causing great bodily injury. He also pled no contest to assault with a deadly weapon on the second victim and again causing great bodily injury. Both charges are considered "strikes" under California's Three Strikes law and will result in increased penalties if Salazar commits future felony crimes. He was sentenced the same day by Judge Linda McFadden to serve a term of 6 years in state prison. Salazar also pled no contest to an unrelated vehicle theft case and was sentenced to an additional 8 months in prison for that charge. Defendant LaFrancis pled to an attempted robbery charge which is also a "strike" under the Three Strikes law. She was released on probation the same day with a completed 365 day jail sentence.

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