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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Arrest in Cold Case Murder
of Lacy Ferguson

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that David Aguilar, age 44, formerly of Modesto, was booked into the Stanislaus County Jail on May 26, 2016 for the 2003 murder of Lacy Marie Ferguson. Aguilar was arrested by District Attorney Criminal Investigators Kirk Bunch and Steve Jacobson after they picked him up from an FBI agent who had escorted Aguilar from a Mexican prison where he had been held on a warrant for this homicide since 2014. With the cooperation of the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department, Investigator Bunch had been following up intermittent leads on the cold case for over a year prior to accumulating sufficient evidence to obtain an arrest warrant in 2014. Aguilar was located in Mexico, arrested by Mexican authorities and held pending extradition.

Lacy Ferguson and her boyfriend, John Ritchie, had just stepped outside a Quik Stop store on Paradise Road in the evening hours of August 24, 2003 when shots rang out from a car driving through the parking lot towards another vehicle parked at the store. Lacy Ferguson, John Ritchie and Adrian Vega, a third person who had been in the other car, were all hit. Lacy Ferguson died as a result of her injuries, leaving behind a 3-year-old daughter, Haley.

Aguilar will be scheduled for arraignment on May 31st.