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PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

Date: January 29, 2018
Re: Anna Maria Walker
Attempted Voluntary Manslaughter conviction and
prison sentence.

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Anna Maria Walker, age 54, of Turlock, has been convicted of attempted voluntary manslaughter after entering a no contest plea to the charge on Friday, January 19, 2018 Deputy District Attorney Kimberly Lewis prosecuted the case for the People.

On July 29, 2017 at 11:14 p.m., Walker was driving her pickup truck on a residential street in Turlock when she intentionally struck the victim. The victim was dragged for a distance and the wheels of the truck drove over his body. He received severe injuries but survived after being treated at Memorial Medical Center. Walker fled the scene. Turlock Police officers located Walker's truck parked at her house early the next morning. Police found evidence on the truck which, along with Walker's statement, connected her to the previous evening's incident. Walker was arrested and charged with attempted murder.

This case previously went to jury trial in November 2017, but a mistrial was declared and a new trial date set. During the interim, an agreement was reached allowing Walker to plead to a lesser charge of attempted voluntary manslaughter.

After entering her plea, Judge Shawn Bessey immediately sentenced Walker to five years and six months in state prison which is the maximum punishment.

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