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PRESS RELEASE

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Date: March 26, 2018
Re: Paris La Monte Roberts
Voluntary manslaughter conviction

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Paris La Monte Roberts, age 22, of Keyes, has been convicted of voluntary manslaughter and carrying a concealed, unregistered firearm. Deputy District Attorney Merrill Hault prosecuted the case on behalf of the People.

On the morning of Saturday, May 21, 2016, Roberts shot a 34-year-old Keyes resident during a road rage argument. At the time of the shooting, Roberts was carrying a concealed, loaded firearm that was not registered to him. The victim died shortly afterwards.

On March 22, 2018, Roberts entered no contest pleas to the felony crimes of voluntary manslaughter and carrying a concealed, unregistered firearm and admitted an enhancement for using a gun in exchange for an agreed upon sentence of 6 years and 8 months in state prison. Sentencing and victim impact statements are set for April 12, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. in Department 1.

The crime of voluntary manslaughter is considered a "Strike" offense under California's "Three Strikes" law that can be used to increase any sentence Roberts receives should he be convicted of a felony crime in the future after his release from prison.

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