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PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

Date: September 12, 2019
Re: Caroline Clayton and Dallas Rampley
Involuntary manslaughter and assault with a
deadly weapon

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Caroline Clayton, age 25, and Dallas Rampley, 34 both of Modesto, have been convicted in the June 11, 2019 killing of 30-year-old McKayla Dollard. Deputy District Attorney John R. Mayne prosecuted the case on behalf of the People.

On June 11, Modesto Police officers responded to a report of a shooting on Sixth Street where they found McKayla Dollard, age 30, deceased at the scene.

Investigating detectives uncovered evidence that, on that date, Rampley, Clayton and Dollard had all planned to beat up a fourth person, Tabitha Leslie. Rampley had driven Leslie to the Sixth Street location knowing that Clayton and Dollard were waiting there to beat her up with their fists and a bat handle.

Leslie, who had prior run-ins with Clayton, was carrying a handgun. Clayton and Dollard, although upset that Rampley didn't tell them about the gun, still decided to proceed with the beating anyway. Leslie then used the gun to shoot Dollard. She then fled the scene and has not been interviewed by detectives as of this date.

On August 30, 2019 Rampley and Clayton each pled no contest to involuntary manslaughter and assault with a deadly weapon. Neither defendant could be convicted of murder after the law changed regarding the "natural and probable consequences" doctrine as of January 1, 2019.

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Upon entry of their plea, Judge Scott Steffen sentenced Clayton to serve five years in state prison. Steffen sentenced Rampley to a three year prison sentence.

Assault with a deadly weapon is considered a “strike” under California’s “Three Strikes” law that can be used to increase the sentence for future felony convictions suffered by either defendant once they are released from prison.

Investigators believe that Leslie was defending herself against a physical attack when she fired the handgun but would still like to talk to her about the events leading up to the shooting.

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