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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Pardeep Singh
Second Degree Murder Conviction

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Modesto, California- Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Pardeep Singh, age 29, of Modesto has been convicted of murder in the killing of 21-year-old Amritpal Singh Sandhu. Deputy District Attorney Vita Palazuelos prosecuted the case on behalf of the People.

On November 5, 2013, Singh and a co-defendant, Kultar Singh Dhatt, drove to victim Sandhu's house in Turlock where they waited for him to leave. Singh was upset with rumors that the victim had been talking about his family in a disrespectful way. When Sandhu came out of his house, got into his vehicle and drove away, Singh followed him. As they proceeded down Highway 99, passenger Dhatt began shooting at the victim's vehicle. The victim, unharmed, called 911 and began to follow Singh.

Singh then led the victim off the freeway and into a residential neighborhood. Dhatt called his roommate, co-defendant Cole Nathaniel Millington, and told Millington to stand on the corner near their apartment so he could shoot at the victim when they drove by. As Singh stopped at a stop sign, Millington walked up to Sandhu's vehicle and fired multiple rounds from a .40 caliber pistol, killing him.

Two days prior to this, Singh had fired shots at a friend of Sandhu's, Gurinderjit Singh Samra.

All three suspects were arrested and charged in the killing. Co-defendant Millington pled before trial to voluntary manslaughter and received a sentence of 16 years in state prison. Co-defendant Dhatt also pled to voluntary manslaughter and received a 21-year sentence.

Pardeep Singh was charged with murder in the first degree with two special circumstances – lying in wait and shooting from a motor vehicle – and with assault with a deadly weapon for the shooting two days before the killing. His potential sentence if convicted was life in prison without the possibility of parole.

On March 21, 2022, the day the jury trial was to begin, Singh pled no contest to the charge of second-degree murder. On April 15, 2022, he was sentenced to serve 15 years-to-life in state prison by Judge Dawna Reeves.

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