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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **For Immediate Release**

Date: March 4, 2024  
Re: Marcos Canal  
Murderer convicted

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Jeff Laugero announced today that Marcos Canal, age 29, of Modesto was convicted on February 26, 2024, of murder. Deputy District Attorney Kirk Brennan prosecuted the case for the People.

On October 2, 2022, Marcos Canal repeatedly struck Javier Maravilla with a baseball bat, killing him. Canal was subsequently charged with second degree murder with a one-year enhancement for using a deadly or dangerous weapon (the bat). On February 26, 2024, Canal changed his not guilty plea to no contest to the second-degree murder charge, and the People struck the one-year weapon enhancement. A second-degree murder conviction carries a sentence of 15 years to life.

Upon entry of the no contest plea, the Honorable Linda McFadden found the defendant guilty, and put over the case to March 7, 2024, to give family members of the deceased an opportunity to make victim impact statements. Once victim impact statements have been given, sentencing will be pronounced.

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