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CORRECTION
PRESS RELEASE

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that a judge has determined, following a preliminary hearing on December 14th, that Christopher Rabbiosi, age 39, of Modesto, will face a jury trial on murder charges. Deputy District Attorney Elizabeth Owen is prosecuting the case for the People.

The case arose out of events that occurred on September 19, 2008 in the city of Modesto. Christopher Rabbiosi and Shawnee Butler had a previous dating relationship. On the evening of September 18, 2008, Rabbiosi arranged to meet with Butler to pay back a debt. Before Butler left to meet with him, she told her husband that if he didn't hear from her in 30 minutes to be concerned. Approximately two hours passed and Butler's husband and son became concerned that they had not heard from her. Butler's son and husband drove to the area where Rabbiosi's mother lived. Rabbiosi and Butler were seen talking in Butler's vehicle on Dragoo Park Way, Modesto. Once Butler's husband pulled his vehicle in front of Butler's, Rabbiosi shot Butler. Rabbiosi then got out of the car and chased Butler's husband and son while threatening them with the gun. A nearby resident called 911 and Rabbiosi fled on foot. He later turned himself in and brought the gun with him to Modesto Police Department.

Rabbiosi is charged with premeditated murder and personally and intentionally discharging a firearm, proximately causing death. A jury trial date will be scheduled at the arraignment on January 11, 2010.

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