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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Timothy Carrillo
Eighty Years-to-Life for Murders

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Timothy Carrillo, age 37, of Ceres, was sentenced at a January 22, 2010 hearing to eighty years-to-life in prison for the April 15, 2007 murders of Pete Silverio Garcia and Cary Lamont Thompson. The sentence was pronounced by Judge Ricardo Cordova after he had denied a defense motion for a new trial.

On April 25, 2007, at 4:00 a.m., the defendant went to his first cousin's apartment in Ceres in order to call out her boyfriend, Pete Garcia. The defendant had information that Garcia had been abusing his cousin earlier that evening. The defendant arrived at the apartment armed with a loaded handgun and knocked on a window. The cousin and Garcia came out of the bedroom, and the cousin opened the door and told Carrillo to leave. He refused. Garcia was also armed and a gunfight ensued. Garcia managed to shoot the defendant twice, but Garcia was killed by the defendant as was an overnight guest who was on the couch. There was no definitive answer as to who fired first, but the evidence strongly pointed to a simultaneous outburst of gunfire.

On September 25, 2009, Carrillo had been found guilty by a jury of two counts of second degree murder with the used a firearm. Each murder conviction carried a 40 years to life sentence.

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