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**PRESS RELEASE**

**For Immediate Release**

Date: February 16, 2010  
Re: James Haberkam  
Conviction for Attempted Murder

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that a jury convicted James Oliver Haberkam, Sr., age 49, of Modesto, of attempted murder and assault with a firearm for a shooting incident that occurred at Donnelly Park in Turlock on September 29, 2007. The evidence presented at trial showed that the defendant was upset when the victim (his girlfriend of 10 years) ended their relationship and began seeing another man. The defendant asked the victim to meet him and discuss bills related to the apartment they shared. When the victim arrived at the park, the defendant grabbed her and showed her a gun. He threatened to kill the victim and her new boyfriend, then kill himself. She broke free from his grip and tried to flee. The defendant pulled out the 380 semi-automatic handgun and shot her once in her back. Members of the Turlock Police Department and California State University Police arrived quickly and pulled the victim to safety. A 5 hour-long standoff ensued between the defendant and SWAT. The defendant finally put down his firearm and surrendered. The Honorable Judge Timothy Salter presided over the jury trial and he will impose sentence on March 16th. The defendant faces a life term for attempted murder, with a minimum parole eligibility of 25 years under the "10-20-Life Law" for discharging a firearm and causing great bodily injury.

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