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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **For Immediate Release**

Date: June 8, 2016  
Re: Charles Douglas Eldridge

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**Modesto, California** - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Charles Douglas Eldridge, age 21, of Ceres, was convicted on May 16, 2016 of assault with a deadly weapon, a "strike" under California's Three Strikes law. Eldridge also admitted to an enhancement of personally inflicting great bodily injury upon the victim. Deputy District Attorney Elaine Casillas prosecuted the case for the People.

On the evening of October 31, 2015, the victim drove to a birdwatching sanctuary in Modesto with four of his friends. After seeing another vehicle parked at the site, the victim drove away causing rocks to spray on the parked vehicle where the defendant was a passenger. The driver and defendant followed the victim at high rates of speed, running through stop signs and eventually blocking the victim's movement with their vehicle. The defendant got out of his vehicle, slashed a tire on the victim's truck and reached through the driver's window and stabbed the victim multiple times in his torso and buttocks causing great bodily injury.

Upon entry of the no contest plea, Judge Ruben Villalobos sentenced Eldridge to 6 years in state prison.

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