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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Devenae Damarea Price
Murder sentencing

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Devenae Damarea Price, age 26, of Ceres was sentenced on October 31, 2017 to 60 years-to-life in state prison after being convicted of murder with use of a firearm and being a felon in possession of a firearm. Price had been convicted by a jury on August 25, 2017. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

Price stands convicted of the April 23, 2016, murder of 37-year old Falane Jones. Price shot and killed Jones as Jones was going to visit relatives in Turlock.

At the time of the murder, Price was on parole, having been released from prison only 35 days earlier after having served a seven-year prison term for armed robbery out of Contra Costa County.

During the sentencing hearing, the victim's mother gave a victim impact statement to the Court, saying how the victim, Falane Jones, was a single father of a 9-year-old little girl who worked hard to feed, clothe, and raise his only daughter. She told how Falane was not involved in any gangs or drugs and that the murder was committed because Price had mistaken her son for someone else.

Judge Marie Silveira then followed the recommendation of prosecutor Jeff Mangar and sentenced Price to the maximum sentence of 60 years-to-life in state prison.

Co-defendant Barnes was also convicted by the same jury of being an accessory to the murder and is currently awaiting sentencing.

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