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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Russell Kee
187 Plea

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Russell Kee, age 47, of Dos Palos, pled guilty to second degree murder on December 22, 2017 for the killing of Kyle Hoffman, age 24, also of Dos Palos. Deputy District Attorney Meghan Anderson prosecuted the case for the People.

On August 10, 2014, Russell Kee shot and killed Kyle Hoffman while Hoffman was sitting in his car in front of an apartment building on Lakewood Drive in Modesto. An eyewitness saw Kee do the shooting and then drive away in the car with the body. The car and Hoffman's body were later found in an alleyway off Rose Avenue. Kee was arrested after officers found him nearby, soaking wet. Kee had jumped into a swimming pool in an attempt to wash the victim's blood off his clothing, and had dumped most of his clothing into garbage cans.

Due to the overwhelming evidence against him, Kee pled to second degree murder and use of a gun. Upon entry of the guilty plea, Judge Ricardo Cordova sentenced Kee to spend 18 years to life in state prison on those charges.

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