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NEWS RELEASE

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Re: Memorial Tree Lighting
and Candlelight Vigil

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MODESTO - District attorney James Brazelton announced that the Stanislaus County District Attorney's Office Victim Services Program is hosting the fourth annual Memorial Tree Lighting and Candlelight Vigil on Tuesday, December 11th at 6:30 pm on the front lawn of the Courthouse, 1100 I St, Modesto.

The ceremony will begin with the lighting of the Homicide Victims' Memorial Tree. Speakers will include District Attorney Jim Brazelton, Assemblyman Dennis Cardoza, Chaplain Dave Williams and family members of crime victims. A candlelight vigil and remembrance of victims will follow. Music will be provided by the Salvation Army choral group and Gary Speed, piper.

Family and friends who have loved ones who are not with us to celebrate the holiday season due to the criminal acts of others, are invited to attend and bring a non-breakable ornament in memory of their loved one to hang on the tree. Please contact the Victim Services Unit for more information at 525-5541.

NOTE TO THE PRESS: *Please place this information in the newspaper sometime prior to the event. We are unable to contact all family members of homicide victims via mail and*

would appreciate your assistance in getting the information out to the public. Thank you very much.