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## **NEWS RELEASE**

For Immediate Release Date: 11/30/06 RE: Lighting of the Homicide Victims' Memorial Tree and Candlelight Vigil For more information contact: Gay L. McDaniel Victim Services Coordinator (209)525-5541

Modesto, California - Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6PM, the District Attorney's Office Victim Services Program will sponsor the 9<sup>th</sup> annual lighting of the Homicide Victims' Memorial Tree and Candlelight Vigil. The ceremony will be held on the Courthouse Lawn located at 1100 I Street, Modesto. District Attorney Birgit Fladager will be hosting the ceremony. The program will include Guest Speaker, Sheriff Adam Christianson. Christmas carols will be sung by the Salvation Army choir. Refreshments will be provided by the Stanislaus County Public Safety Center and the Salvation Army.

Friends and family of homicide victims are invited to attend and bring a non-breakable ornament to hang on the tree in remembrance of their loved ones who are not with us to celebrate the holiday season due to the criminal acts of others. For more information, contact the Victim Services Program at 525-5541.