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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Jesse Frost plea to three Counts of Murder and
One count of Attempted Murder

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Jesse Frost, age 39, of Riverbank, pled guilty to three counts of murder and one count of attempted murder for the February deaths of his mother, Donna Norton; sister, Judy Niemi; and brother-in-law Anthony Niemi. He also injured Matthew James. Deputy District Attorneys John R. Mayne and Abel Hung prosecuted the case for the People.

The plea agreement calls for Frost to receive three consecutive sentences of life without parole, consecutive to eleven to life. As part of the agreement, Frost may not appeal the conviction, nor may he ever seek clemency or pardon. Frost also allocuted to the crimes, admitting that he stabbed the four people intending to kill them without any legal, ethical or moral excuse for doing so.

Frost will never be eligible for parole under the agreement.

In return for the pleas, the prosecution agreed not to seek the death penalty.

The case arose out of events that occurred in the city of Riverbank on February 15, 2009. Frost stabbed all four people in a Riverbank residence where he was living, and then surrendered to the police.

Sentencing was set for October 27, 2009 at 10 a.m. in Department 2.