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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Robin Boyer

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Robin Boyer, age 62, of Turlock, was convicted on February 3, 2017 of involuntary manslaughter for the 2013 shooting death of Brandon Pacheco. Deputy District Attorney John R. Mayne prosecuted the case for the People.

On July 23, 2013, victim Pacheco was seen by defendant Boyer in the process of trying to steal very old car batteries on defendant's property in Turlock. Boyer retrieved a shotgun and shot Pacheco in the back as Pacheco was attempting to leave the property on a small motorbike.

Boyer shot twice, striking the victim in the back and head. The victim died of his injuries. While waiting for paramedics, Boyer made no attempt to render any aid to the victim.

Boyer told the police on the day of the shooting that the shooting had been accidental and that he was only trying to "scare the hell" out of Pacheco. At jury trial, defendant testified that the shooting was accidental and that he was afraid for his life.

A Stanislaus County Superior Court jury convicted Boyer of involuntary manslaughter, assault with a firearm, and using a firearm during the crime. He is scheduled to be sentenced on March 8, 2017 before Judge Ricardo Cordova. Boyer faces a maximum of 14 years in state prison.

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