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PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

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Re: Adam Wayne Goodman
Prison Sentence

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Adam Wayne Goodman, age 31, of Modesto, was convicted on March 27, 2017 of Voluntary Manslaughter. Goodman also admitted having used a knife during the killing and to having previously served a prison term. In a separate case which occurred at the jail while his case was pending, Goodman also admitted to Possession of Drugs while in the County Jail and admitted two additional prison terms. Deputy District Attorney Brad Nix prosecuted the cases for the People.

On March 19, 2015 around 1:30 p.m., there was a fight between an ex-girlfriend of the victim Stanley Gene Schmidt (age 36) and his new girlfriend in front of a store at the trailer park located at 665 S. 7th Street Modesto. After the fight, the new girlfriend and the victim left and went to see a mutual friend at a nearby trailer. The ex-girlfriend followed them into the trailer demanding another fight. Schmidt intervened and prevented another fight. The ex-girlfriend then called for someone to get her cousin, Goodman, who arrived at the trailer within two or three minutes. He confronted Schmidt and they argued about whether the women should continue fighting. Schmidt swung at Goodman with his left hand which had a cast on his forearm and wrist, but missed. Goodman pulled a knife and began swinging it at Schmidt who received several cuts and slash wounds. Goodman then plunged the knife into the base of Schmidt's neck about 3 inches deep, cutting a main artery.

Goodman fled the scene and was arrested by the Stanislaus Sheriff's Office about four weeks later. The case was investigated by Detective Gregory Buck.

Upon entry of the guilty/no contest plea, the Judge Dawna Reeves sentenced Adam Wayne Goodman to a total of fifteen years and eight months in state prison.

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