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Date: August 7, 2017 Re: Juan Garcia Jury Trial Conviction John Goold, Public Information Liaison Phone: (209) 525-6909

Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Juan Garcia, age 45, of Newman, was convicted on July 28, 2017 of home invasion robbery, first degree burglary, assault with a firearm, assault with a deadly weapon, two counts of criminal threats, and providing false identification to a police officer. Garcia was also found to have personally used a firearm and deadly weapon, as well as having committed the burglary while someone, other than an accomplice, was inside the house. Deputy District Attorney Sean G. Doering prosecuted the case for the People.

On October 14, 2016, Garcia entered his ex-girlfriend's residence where she was with her new boyfriend. Garcia was armed with a gun in one hand and a knife in the other. Garcia placed the tip of his knife to his ex-girlfriend's chest, while pointing the gun at her boyfriend. Garcia then made several threats, including to castrate the new boyfriend. Before leaving, Garcia took the boyfriend's phone. Garcia was contacted the following day by Newman Police Officers. He attempted to hide his identity by using the boyfriend's name and stolen identification card. The stolen phone was located hidden inside Garcia's residence.

Garcia was convicted after a four-day jury trial. He faces up to 22 years in state prison at sentencing on September 28, 2017 in Department 1 at 9:30 a.m.

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