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CORRECTED PRESS RELEASE

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Re: David Evan Cutler
Voluntary Manslaughter jury verdict

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that David Evan Cutler, age 28, of Modesto, was convicted on June 12, 2020, by a Stanislaus County jury of voluntary manslaughter along with an enhancement for using a deadly weapon in the 2015 killing of 25 year-old Trevor Bolton. Cutler was also convicted of felony possession of metal knuckles at the time of the crime. Deputy District Attorney Wendell Emerson prosecuted the case for the People.

On March 8, 2015, Cutler got into an argument with the victim following a traffic incident. Cutler drove home and the victim went to an empty parking lot to go skateboarding. Cutler returned to the same parking lot, stopped his car in front of the victim and got out with a knife. The unarmed victim walked up to Cutler and punched him. As they fought, Cutler stabbed the victim three times, killing him.

The jury trial heard testimony and argument over twenty days that was interrupted by delays due to the pandemic. On June 12th, the jury returned guilty verdicts after deliberating for only an hour and a half.

Cutler faces a maximum possible sentence of 12 years eight months in state prison. He is currently being held in custody at the Stanislaus County Safety Center. He will return to court on July 10, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. in Department 7 for sentencing and impact statements from the victim's next of kin.

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