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**INFANT HOMICIDE CONVICTION – JURY CONVICTS FATHER OF
MURDER OF FOUR MONTH OLD DAUGHTER**

Woodland, CA – November 28, 2007 – On Wednesday, a Yolo County jury returned a guilty verdict against defendant, Johnnie Fields (27) for the second degree murder of his four month old daughter, Kaysha. At the time of the murder, Fields had just relocated from Washington State to Woodland, CA. After Fields got up with his daughter in the middle of the night, he announced that she had stopped breathing. Emergency personnel were summoned and the victim was transported to UCD Medical Center in Sacramento. Kaysha died shortly thereafter. An autopsy revealed that the infant died of blunt force trauma due to a skull fracture. The examination also showed numerous other bone fractures in various stages of healing.

The Yolo County jury deliberated for three days before returning guilty verdicts of second degree murder and child abuse resulting in death. Fields faces penalties of fifteen years to life and twenty-five years to life in prison. Sentencing has been set for January 23, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. in Department 5.

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