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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**SECOND DEGREE MURDER CONVICTION IN SHOTGUN KILLING**

Woodland, CA - December 14, 2007 - A Yolo County jury has returned guilty verdicts against Bikkar Singh (24) for the May 6, 2006 second degree murder of Gian Heer (64). The murder occurred in Yolo County between I-5 and West Sacramento. The jury also determined that Bikkar Singh used a firearm to commit the murder. He will be sentenced to forty years to life for the second degree murder with use of a firearm. Mr. Singh was also convicted of three counts of auto theft and one count of grand theft firearm.

The investigation of Gian Heer's murder began when his son reported him as a missing person on May 9, 2006. Mr. Heer had previously confronted Mr. Singh about taking a vehicle without permission. An investigation by the Yolo County Sheriff's Department culminated with the arrest of Bikkar Singh for shooting Gian Heer with a shotgun three times. The jury rejected Mr. Singh's contention that he acted in self defense.

In a comment on the case, prosecuting attorney Chris Bulkeley stated, "The verdict was a relief to Mr. Heer's family who now feel that justice has been done."

Bikkar Singh will be sentenced on January 15, 2008 before Judge David Rosenberg in Department 7 of the Yolo County Superior Court.

District Attorney Jeff Reisig praised the efforts of the Yolo County Sheriff's Department who conducted the investigation. "Without the hard work of members of the Sheriff's Department, Mr. Heer's killer would not have been caught and convicted."

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