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West Sacramento Man Convicted of Murder

(Woodland, CA) – December 15, 2012 - District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that on December 14, 2012, a Yolo County jury found 31-year-old Christopher Allen Smith guilty of murder for killing Gidd Gomel Robinson IV on November 3, 2009. The jury also convicted Smith of shooting from a vehicle and shooting a firearm causing death.

Shortly after noon on November 3, 2009, Smith was driving with his seven-year-old son in his pick-up truck after leaving his father's house in a family neighborhood in West Sacramento. Smith encountered Gidd Robinson who was walking his children to school. Smith is Caucasian and Robinson is African American. After Robinson gave Smith a "hard stare" and Smith "flipped him off," Smith drove his truck around the corner and loaded his gun. Robinson approached the truck and at that point, Smith fired one fatal shot at Robinson.

Smith immediately drove to the Elkhorn boat ramp and tossed the gun in the river and rubbed mud on his hands to conceal any gunshot residue. He was arrested on Old River Road as he was leaving the boat ramp. When West Sacramento police searched Smith's home, they found over 40 firearms. Detectives also seized a computer which was later forensically analyzed by the District Attorney's Computer Forensics Unit. That analysis revealed that Smith habitually visited numerous racist websites containing inflammatory pictures and articles about African Americans.

Chief Deputy District Attorney, Jonathan Raven, prosecuted the case. He praised the dedicated efforts of West Sacramento Police Department, the DA's Computer Forensics Division, and the Victim Services Division who worked with the family of Gidd Robinson. He also thanked the jury who spent three days deliberating on the case. "The jury was thoughtful and worked hard to bring about a just verdict," said Raven. "I know that Gidd's family feels that justice was served."

Smith will be sentenced on January 13, 2012 by the Honorable Stephen Mock who presided over the trial. Smith faces 45 years to life in state prison.

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