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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Re: Jacob Steele Found Guilty of 2nd Degree Murder

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On Tuesday, February 14, 2012, a Humboldt County jury found Jacob Charles Steele, 23, of McKinleyville, guilty of second degree murder. The jury found that Steele intentionally killed Jerry George by shooting him with a handgun during an argument that occurred in Steele's McKinleyville residence on January 22, 2011. Steele was also found guilty of criminal threats, stemming from threats he made against a witness in the case.

“I am grateful for the hard work of the Humboldt County Sheriff's Department, the Humboldt County District Attorney's Office Investigative Bureau and the jury,” said Humboldt County District Attorney Paul Gallegos, who also acted as prosecutor in this case. “And I extend my deepest condolences to Jerry George's family.”

Steele faces up to life in state prison and is scheduled to be sentenced March 13, 2012 at 2 p.m. by the Honorable Judge Marilyn Miles.