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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Re: Jacob Steele Sentenced for Murder of Jerry George

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On Tuesday, April 10, 2012, Jacob Charles Steele, 24, of McKinleyville, was sentenced to forty years to life in California State Prison for the murder of Jerry George. He received an additional two years for making criminal threats against a witness in the case. Steele was sentenced by the Honorable Judge Marilyn Miles and will be required to serve a minimum of forty-two years before becoming eligible for parole.

On Tuesday, February 14, 2012, a Humboldt County jury found Steele 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. George's body was never recovered.

"Jerry's family endured the trial every day and showed such restraint, poise and determination to see justice done," noted District Attorney's Office lead investigator on the case Billy Honsal.

"Our heartfelt condolences go to the family," added District Attorney Paul Gallegos, who also served as prosecutor in the case. "No sentence can bring back or make up for the loss of a loved one. Jerry was someone's child, someone's brother, someone's father and can never be replaced, but we can take some comfort in the fact that justice was achieved."