



**COUNTY OF FRESNO**

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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **VICTOR ESTRADA FOUND GUILTY OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES MURDER IN JULY 2007 SHOOTING**

Deputy District Attorney Brian Hutchins and Senior Investigator Ben Castellanos are pleased to announce that today, December 14, 2015, Victor Estrada was found guilty of murder for a July 1, 2007 shooting death of David Vera near the town of Minkler.

The jury convicted 29-year-old Victor Estrada of First Degree Murder, as well as allegations that Mr. Estrada discharged a firearm from a motor vehicle that caused the death of David Vera.

Sentencing is scheduled for January 13, 2016, at 9 a.m. in Department 50.

Mr. Estrada is facing a sentence of Life Without the Possibility of Parole, plus an additional term of 25 years to life.

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office would like to thank Detective Jeff Kertson of the Fresno County Sheriff's Office for his hard work and dedication to obtaining justice for the victim in this case.

The media may contact Administrative Legal Assistant Leslie Gillespie at (559) 600-4442 with any questions.

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