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VANCE SAMS JR. FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER FOR FOURTH OF JULY 2014 KILLING

Senior Deputy District Attorney Brian Hutchins and Senior District Attorney Investigator Shari Hall are pleased to announce that today, October 21, 2016, Vance Sams Jr. was found guilty of shooting Raymond Fisher Jr. to death on July 4, 2014.

Today, a Fresno County jury found Mr. Sams guilty of Second Degree Murder, and also found true an allegation that Mr. Sams personally used a firearm that caused the death of Mr. Fisher.

Mr. Sams faces a potential sentence of 40 years to life when he is sentenced on November 22, 2016, in Department 51 of the Fresno County Superior Court.

However, upon reaching age 60 and after serving 25 years, Mr. Sams will be eligible for release under the Elderly Parole program.

DDA Hutchins would like to thank Fresno Police Department Detective Antonio Rivera for his work on this case.

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