

NEWS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE **DATE** August 24, 2007 **TIME** 11:30 PM

## A Candlelight Vigil Marking the 4th Anniversary of Lacy Ferguson's Death will Be Held Tonight

**MODESTO, CA-** A candlelight vigil marking the fourth anniversary of Lacy Ferguson's shooting death will be held tonight at 7:00 PM on the lawn of the Stanislaus County Courthouse at 800 11th Street in Modesto. The event will feature music, comments from her best friend and presentations from people who have experienced violent crime or are victim advocates.

Speakers will include Michelle Gray, wife of slain Merced police officer Stephan Gray; Susan Fisher, the crime victim advocate for Gov. Schwarzenegger; Kim Petersen, executive director of the Carole Sund/Carrington Memorial Reward Foundation; and Jacque MacDonald, whose daughter's 1988 murder led her to start "The Victim's Voice" public access television show. This is the first year that speakers other than Ferguson's friends and family will be present. After the speakers, several musicians will sing. At the end of the ceremony participants will light candles in memory of the Lacy Ferguson.

Ferguson was 25 when she was killed in a drive-by shooting as she stood outside a convenience store on Paradise Road in Modesto.

The vigil is open to the public, and families of other murder victims are invited. The news media is also welcome and will be able to talk to victim's families. The news media is requested to arrive by 6:30 PM to set-up before the event starts.

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