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**PRESS RELEASE**

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Re: People v. Marvin Ray Markle

Today in Department 6 of the Superior Court, before the Honorable Scott Daniels, Marvin Ray Markle, 51 years old, made his first court appearance wherein he has been charged by the Solano County District Attorney's Office with Murder in violation of Penal Code section 187(a), and the enhancement for Personal Use of a Deadly Weapon in violation of Penal Code section 12022(b). On November 15, 1982, 14 year old junior high student De Anna Lynn Johnson was murdered in her hometown of Vacaville, California. After 34 years of tireless efforts by the officers of the Vacaville Police Department, Marvin Markle was arrested for De Anna's murder on Tuesday, January 24, 2017, at Kern Valley State Prison where he is currently serving a life sentence for the murder of Shirley Ann Pratt of Butte County. As Vacaville Police Chief Carli stated, "It was a significant day for De Anna's family, Vacaville Police Department, and our community." The Vacaville Police Department never once gave up throughout the past 34 years and remained committed to solving De Anna's case so they could seek and obtain justice for her family.



Defendant Markle appeared in juvenile court today as it is mandated by law that a defendant that is under the age of 18 years old at the time of an offense be first brought before the juvenile court. In this case, Markle was 17 years old at the time he is believed to have committed the murder of De Anna Lynn Johnson, and therefore will initially appear there. The defendant will return to juvenile court on Thursday, February 2, 2017, at 8:30 a.m., for further arraignment on the case before the Honorable Scott Daniels. At that time, the People will request a transfer hearing so the case can be transferred to criminal court (adult court) for the remainder of all hearings.