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# NEWS RELEASE

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## CHAD ANDREW LARSEN

District Attorney Paul Gallegos announced today that Chad Andrew Larsen, age 30, from Fortuna, was found guilty of Conspiring to Commit Murder and Solicitation for Murder, after a 6 week jury trial before the Honorable Timothy Cissna in the Superior Court of Humboldt County.

Chad Andrew Larsen was on probation for having unlawful intercourse with a minor when he committed new felony offenses of the same nature. While the new case was pending, Chad Andrew Larsen began plotting the death of the juvenile victim to prevent her from testifying against him. Larsen began recruiting other inmates to help him have the victim killed. One of those inmates contacted the District Attorney's office when released from custody.

This led to an investigation by the Humboldt County District Attorney's office. Chief Mike Hislop and Investigator Mike Stone led this investigation on behalf of the District Attorney's office, and was successfully prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Kelly Neel. Chad Andrew Larsen enlisted the help and assistance of his father, Dennis Larsen, which led to his father's convictions for solicitation of murder and an accessory to committing a felony. Chad Larsen is scheduled to be sentenced on April 23, 2010.

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