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**NEWS RELEASE**

**BURNSVILLE MAN SENTENCED FOR MANSLAUGHTER**

Dakota County Attorney James Backstrom announced that Kyle Alan Dague, age 23 of Burnsville, was sentenced today by Judge Martha Simonett to 48 months in prison in connection with the shooting death of 22-year-old Justin James Schauer on December 31, 2011. Dague was indicted by a Dakota County Grand Jury on July 16, 2012 with one count each of Manslaughter in the Second Degree and Reckless Discharge of a Firearm in a Municipality (both felonies). In October, Dague pleaded guilty to Manslaughter in the Second Degree (a felony).

A copy of the indictment and prior news releases pertaining to this case can be found online at <http://services.co.dakota.mn.us/ComplaintSearch>.

Backstrom said that Dague initially lied to the police and claimed that the victim had shot himself, when in fact Dague had done so. Backstrom commented: "This was a senseless death that could easily have been prevented. You should always assume a gun is loaded and you should never point a gun at another person."

Backstrom expressed his sympathy to the family and friends of Justin Schauer. Backstrom praised Assistant County Attorney Scott Hersey who prosecuted the case. Backstrom thanked the Burnsville Police Department for their thorough investigation into this case.

If you have questions, contact James Backstrom at 651-438-4440.