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**PRESS RELEASE**

**For Immediate Release**

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Re: Ernest Eugene Fader case # 1210381

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**Modesto, California** - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Ernest Eugene Fader, age 26, of Modesto was sentenced to 13 years in state prison after a hearing held on December 1, 2006 before the Honorable Judge Charles V. Stone in Stanislaus County Superior Court. Deputy District Attorney W.R. McKenzie prosecuted the case on behalf of the People.

On June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006, Fader broke into a house in central Modesto while the homeowner was gone to pick up her child from school. Once inside, Mr. Fader took a bicycle and some beer. Police later found him in possession of the victim's bicycle. When interviewed, Fader admitted to entering the house and taking the property.

On October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2006, after a trial before a Stanislaus County jury, Fader was convicted of residential burglary. Fader also had a prior felony child molest conviction alleged, which qualified him for double punishment under California's Three Strikes law. In a court trial following the jury's verdict, Judge Stone found the prior conviction true and used it to double Fader's prison sentence. Under California's Three Strikes law, Fader must serve at least 80% of his 13 years prison in the custody of the California Department of Corrections.

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