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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: John Rosas Sabala Jr. Case # 1092023

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County Assistant District Attorney Carol Shipley announced today that John Rosas Sabala Jr. was sentenced on February 17, 2006 by Superior Court Judge Edward M. Lacy, Jr. to 12 years in State Prison. Sabala had been convicted after a jury trial on 1-12-06 of first degree burglary. Judge Lacy also found that Sabala had a prior conviction for first degree burglary on January 17, 1995 which caused Sabala's current sentence to be doubled pursuant to California's "Three Strikes Law."

The case arose out of events that occurred on May 15, 2005 at about 7:00 P.M. in Salida when Sabala was caught by a resident breaking into her husband's truck in their garage. The case was investigated by Deputy Chad Bangston of the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office. Deputy District Attorney Arral A. Phipps prosecuted the case.

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