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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Charles Robison sentencing

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Charles Robison, age 53, of Modesto was sentenced to 25 years in prison for carjacking, assault with a deadly weapon and second degree burglary. Deputy District Attorney John R. Mayne handled the case on behalf of the People.

On November 27, 2006, Robison entered a plea to the above felony charges. In return, the prosecution agreed to drop a prior 1970 robbery conviction and recommend Robison receive a sentence of 25 years in prison.

On June 7, 2005, Robison entered the Home Depot on Carpenter Road in Modesto and took two packs of Velcro, worth approximately \$20. When confronted by a loss prevention officer, Robison attempted to flee but was taken into custody and walked back to the store's loss prevention office.

In the office, Robison asked to use the bathroom and employees removed his handcuffs. He pulled a knife on the loss prevention officer and ran from the store to an adjacent gas station where he car-jacked a pickup truck at knife-point from a 43-year-old female. Police recovered a wallet with paperwork identifying Robison and he was later arrested by police.

Since his conviction, Robison filed a motion to withdraw his plea, which was denied today by Judge Scott Steffen, who then sentenced the defendant to 25 years in prison. Robison must serve at least 85% of his sentence in prison custody before being eligible for parole when he is 74 years old.