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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Willis Wayde Farmer –
Robber/Burglar Sentenced to 5 Years
In State Prison

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Willis Wayde Farmer, age 31, of Oakdale, was sentenced to prison. Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey M. Laugero prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events that occurred on March 26, 2009 in Oakdale. Defendant Willis Wayde Farmer confronted an acquaintance about a perceived slight and disrespect towards Farmer. As a result, defendant Farmer told the victim that he was going to take something of value from him and entered victim's home without permission. Farmer had the victim, against his will, assist in carrying the victim's computer equipment out of the house to a waiting car. Defendant left in the car with the stolen property. Oakdale Police were notified and they located defendant in the car with the stolen property. The stolen items were recovered and returned to the victim.

Farmer was sentenced by the Honorable Judge Nancy Ashley to a total of 5 years in state prison after pleading no contest to residential burglary and admitting a prior burglary conviction in San Joaquin County that qualified as a serious felony on California's "Three Strikes" law.

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