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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: James Williams – 25 years in prison
For Robbery

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that James E. Williams, 28, of Modesto was convicted of for the, using a gun during the robbery, had having one prior serious and violent felony conviction and one prior felony conviction that falls under California's "Three Strikes Law." Upon entry of the guilty plea, the Honorable Nancy Ashley sentenced Williams to 25 years in state prison. The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Robert J. Taro.

This case arose on May 5th, 2006, when Williams entered the "Stop and Save" market on Hatch Road, demanded money from the clerk while displaying a handgun. The clerk removed the cash drawer from the register and backed away from the counter. Williams escaped with an amount of cash estimated to be less than one hundred dollars.

Mr. Williams will not be eligible for parole until he serves a minimum of 85% of his total time.

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