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PRESS RELEASE

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Date: January 21, 2009
Re: People v. Rickey Claude Yandell
Attempted Robbery Results in 5 Years in
State Prison

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Rickey Claude Yandell, age 41, of Patterson, was convicted of attempted robbery on January 21, 2009. Deputy District Attorney Abel C.K. Hung, prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events which occurred on October 14, 2008 in the city of Modesto. At approximately 1:43 a.m., Yandell walked into the We Donuts shop at Scenic Drive and Oakdale Road. He was dressed in all black attire complete with a hood and a ski mask. Yandell brandished what looked like a handgun at the store clerk and told him to "come here." The store clerk, upon seeing Yandell, ran out the back door of the shop. After the clerk left, Yandell retreated out of the store and back to his vehicle which was parked down the road on Scenic Drive. As Yandell ran out of the donut shop, he caught the attention of a Modesto Police officer who was stopped at the intersection of Oakdale and Scenic in his patrol vehicle. Officers subsequently arrested Yandell on suspicion of attempted robbery.

Upon entry of the no contest plea and the admission of two prior prison commitments, the Honorable Judge Scott T. Steffen sentenced defendant to 5 years in state prison.

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