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**PRESS RELEASE**

**For Immediate Release**

Date: March 4, 2010  
Re: Joseph Lopes  
Burglar Receives 9 Years State Prison

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**Modesto, California** - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Joseph Lopes, age 22, of Newman, was convicted of first degree burglary and admitted to having previously been convicted of a serious felony which falls under California's Three Strikes law. Deputy District Attorney John H. Baker prosecuted the case for the People.

On July 22, 2009, Lopes broke into a home in Newman. The home owner heard a noise and went to the master bedroom to investigate. When Lopes was confronted, he fled out the window with some jewelry and money belonging to the home owner. A description of Lopes led officers to Lopes's residence. He was identified as the perpetrator by the homeowner.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable John Whiteside sentenced Lopes to 9 years in state prison.

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