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## PRESS RELEASE

### For Immediate Release

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Re: Aaron Ivan Gonzalez  
Prison sentence

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**Modesto, California** - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Aaron Ivan Gonzalez, age 26, of Modesto, was convicted of three counts of robbery and sentenced to state prison. Gonzalez also admitted to personally using a firearm and a baseball bat during these crimes. Deputy District Attorney Elaine G. Casillas prosecuted the case for the People.

On August 13, 2012, Gonzalez entered the Rogers Jewelry Company store in Modesto wearing a mask and holding a baseball bat. Gonzalez proceeded to smash a glass display case containing several items while the employees and customers present hid inside the store's vault. Gonzalez was able to flee the scene.

On December 10, 2012, at 2:00 p.m., Gonzalez entered a Check-N-Go business in Modesto wearing a mask and armed with a handgun. He demanded money from two employees. Upon opening one register, Gonzalez reached in and grabbed approximately \$500 in cash. Gonzalez fled after one clerk informed him that a timer delay prevented the safe from being opened.

Approximately a half an hour later Gonzalez entered the William Douglas Jewelry store in Modesto wearing a mask and still armed with a handgun. He took approximately \$90 but was unable to break the glass on several jewelry cases. After opening the store's safe and finding it empty, Gonzalez apologized to the owners several times and fled the scene.

On December 6, 2016, Gonzalez pleaded no contest to three separate counts of robbery. Judge Linda McFadden then sentenced Gonzalez to 10 years and 8 months in state prison.

These convictions each count as a "strike" under California's "Three Strikes Law" that can be used to increase any future sentence should Gonzalez reoffend and be convicted of a felony after serving his sentence and being released from prison.

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