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Re: Edward Deandre Mitchell
Jury reaches verdicts in 11-year-old case

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Edward Deandre Mitchell, age 30, was convicted following a 3-month jury trial of multiple counts related to a string of violent armed robberies in Modesto that occurred between April and June 2006. In all but one of the robberies, a single gunman who covered his face robbed convenience store clerks and shot, or attempted to shoot, five of the clerks. In one of the robberies, two gunmen entered the store.

On July 7, 2017, following two weeks of deliberations, the jury found Mitchell guilty of robberies at the AM/PM Market on Standiford Ave., the Stop N Save on Oakdale Rd., and the Stop N Save on Coffee Rd. In two of the robberies, the jury also found that Mitchell had used a firearm and inflicted great bodily injury on the clerks; in the third robbery, they found that he used a firearm. The jury acquitted Mitchell of the murder of Balbir Boyal that occurred during the attempted robbery at BK Liquors. They jury also acquitted him of the robbery at One Stop Gas N Go and attempted robbery at the Sunset Market. They deadlocked on the robbery at Sylvan Liquors. A decision on retrial on that count will be made at sentencing.

A sentencing date has not been set, but Judge Marie Silveira set a further court date of September 12, 2017 for the Probation Department to prepare a sentencing report. Mitchell faces a maximum sentence of 60 years and 4 months-to-life. The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Tanja Titre and Assistant District Attorney Dave Harris. Mitchell was represented by Bay Area lawyers David Headley and Larry Barnes.

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