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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Michael Moore
Felony conviction prison sentence

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Michael Moore, age 35, of Modesto, was convicted on July 19, 2017, of residential burglary and sentenced to state prison. Deputy District Attorney John R. Mayne prosecuted the most current conviction on behalf of the People.

In July of 2012, Moore broke into two Modesto homes while the owners were away, taking various items of property. He also attempted to break into a third home but was unsuccessful.

Police investigation identified Moore as the perpetrator. Moore was arrested and charged in each of the three crimes. His criminal history included four previous convictions for residential burglary from 2007 and 2008, making him eligible for a life sentence under California's "Three Strikes" law. Moore had also served prison time for those four prior convictions.

Residential burglary is a serious felony due to the high potential for violence should a criminal who breaks into a home be confronted by the homeowner during the crime. If Moore were convicted of all the charges and the prior convictions found true, he faced a potential sentence of 90 years to life in state prison if all counts were run consecutively.

The District Attorney's Office has a committee that reviews cases such as this under the "Three Strikes Law." Input regarding an appropriate sentence is provided by the defendant's attorney and the prosecutor assigned to the case. After Moore's case was reviewed, it was decided he would be allowed to plead to one count of residential burglary and admit two of his prior burglary convictions for an agreed upon sentence of 25 years to life in state prison.

Moore pled no contest to the charges on July 19, 2017 before Judge Thomas Zeff. Upon entry of his plea, Judge Zeff found Moore guilty and sentenced him to 25 years to life in state prison. Due to recent changes in state law, Moore's crimes are not considered violent felonies, making him eligible for early release in less than 25 years.

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