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Re: Darius Volaire Dollar
Robbery convictions after jury trial

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Darius Volaire Dollar, age 27, of Modesto, was convicted on September 28, 2017 of two counts of home invasion robbery. Deputy District Attorney Michael D. Houston prosecuted the case for the People.

On August 24, 2015, around 4:00 a.m., Dollar went to the female victim and her uncle's apartment asking to use their phone, claiming that he was stranded. She recognized him from prior contacts and let him in the house. A few minutes later, a second suspect came to the front door and told the uncle that he was there to pick up Dollar. Once invited into the house, the second suspect immediately pulled out a gun. The two victims were locked in a bathroom while Dollar and the second suspect ransacked the house, taking approximately \$2,500 worth of the female victim's personal belongings and \$2,000 worth of her uncle's personal belongings. Dollar was later identified and arrested. The second suspect was never identified.

After a three-day jury trial in Stanislaus County Superior Court, Dollar was convicted of two counts of home invasion robbery, both considered "strikes" under California's Three Strikes Law that can be used to increase his sentence if he is convicted of a felony crime in the future.

On October 5, 2017, during a court trial, Judge Nancy Ashley found that Dollar had previously been convicted of robbery, which is considered a prior "strike" offense, and that he had served two prior prison terms. The judge also found that Dollar had been out on bail from a previous arrest when he committed the current crimes.

Sentencing is scheduled for November 3, 2017. Dollar faces a maximum potential punishment of 32 years in state prison.

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