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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Augustine Ruiz Jr #1096483

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Augustine Ruiz Jr, age 20, of Hughson, was sentenced to six years in state prison after being convicted by a Stanislaus County Superior Court jury of first degree residential burglary. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case on behalf of the People.

On Tuesday, August 16, 2005 at about 12:30 AM in the city of Waterford, Ruiz and co-defendant Melissa Baker, age 21, of Hughson, picked a house at random in Waterford in order to steal money from the occupants. They contacted the 64 year old victim, pretending to be lost and asking for directions. Baker then pretended she was pregnant and having a miscarriage. When the victim volunteered to lead them to the nearest hospital, Ruiz and Baker attacked him, taking his gun, which discharged once. Ruiz and Baker then fled with the firearm. They were captured a short time later by police.

On August 4th, 2006 co-defendant Baker pleaded guilty to first degree residential burglary and received four years in state prison.

On August 11th, a Stanislaus County Superior Court jury convicted Ruiz of the same charge. Ruiz was sentenced on September 25th, 2006 before the Honorable Judge Nancy Ashley to six years in state prison and committed to the Department of Corrections.

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