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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Larry Eugene Smith and
Channing Wilson Green--
Robbery During a Drug Deal
Sends Two to Prison

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Larry Eugene Smith, age 34, of Modesto, was convicted of Robbery, and Channing Wilson Green, age 37, of Modesto, was convicted of Grand Theft from a Person and admitted serving a prior term of imprisonment. Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey M. Laugero prosecuted the case on behalf of the People.

The case arose out of events which occurred on September 6, 2008, in Modesto. During a drug deal at a hotel, the victim was struck in the head with a machete and robbed of his money. The victim was transported to the hospital for treatment of a scalp laceration. Deputies recovered the machete and blood evidence. During the investigation, Larry Eugene Smith and Channing Wilson Green were both identified and subsequently arrested. After his arrest, Smith, while laughing, told deputies, "I'll get away with it."

Upon entry of guilty pleas, the Honorable Donald E. Shaver sentenced Smith to 3 years in state prison and Green to four years in state prison.

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