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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Daniel Cardona – Kidnapper/Robber
Convicted

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Daniel Cardona, age 48, of Modesto, was convicted after a jury trial of kidnapping for robbery, robbery, and attempted robbery. Deputy District Attorney John Baker prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events that occurred on March 15, 2008 when Cardona entered the K-Mart on Hatch Road in Ceres. He immediately went to the first open cashier station and demanded money from the cashier. Placing her in a chokehold and telling her that he had a weapon and would shoot her, he attempted to get money from the next cashier station but the cashier couldn't get that register open. At that point, the defendant continued to hold the first cashier in a chokehold. He left the store with her and the money from the first register. He released the victim in the parking lot only when she refused to go any further with him. He was apprehended at his residence at gunpoint when family members called 911 based on his admission to them of his recently completed robbery.

The District Attorney's Office also charged Cardona with three prior convictions for robbery that fall under California's "Three Strikes" law. A court trial will be held on April 24, 2009 to determine the validity of those convictions and to set a sentencing date.

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