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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Lamarcus Maurice Pope
3 years prison for Residential
Burglary

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Lamarcus Maurice Pope was convicted on October 30, 2009 of residential burglary and admitted that he had previously been convicted of a violent felony that falls under California's "Three Strikes" law. Deputy District Attorney Claire Arno prosecuted the case on behalf of the People.

On September 19, 2009, Pope entered a Retirement Center in Modesto, entered the 84-year-old victim's apartment, and began going through her belongings. The victim suffers from macular degeneration and has limited vision. The victim's caretaker walked in on Pope who then fled the scene. Pope was apprehended a short time later, still in possession of the victim's jewelry.

Upon entry of the guilty plea, the Honorable Judge Steffen sentenced Pope to 3 years in state prison.

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