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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Matthew Keene Roberts
Burglar Sentenced to 5 years in prison

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Matthew Keene Roberts, age 38, of Ceres, was convicted on December 1, 2009 of four counts of second degree burglary and admitted having served one prior prison commitment. Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey M. Laugero prosecuted the case for the People.

Between August 24, 2007 and June 1, 2008, Roberts and co-defendant Darren Glenn Thornhill committed several commercial burglaries in Stanislaus and San Joaquin counties. Lottery tickets and tools were the primary target of these burglaries, and victims included the Platt Electric stores in Manteca and Turlock, the Sears in Oakdale, and gas station convenience stores in Modesto and Ceres. Thornhill was previously sentenced to state prison for seven years and four months for his involvement.

Upon entry of the guilty plea, the Honorable Judge Zeff sentenced Roberts to five years in state prison. He will be evaluated for the state prison drug treatment program at the California Rehabilitation Center.

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