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Re: The People vs. Bhawan Singh – Robber is Phone: (209) 525-5550

sentenced to 5 years in state prison

Carol Shipley, Assistant District Attorney

Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Bhawan Singh, age 23, of Ceres, was convicted on June 23, 2009 of three counts of robbery. Deputy District Attorney John Baker prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of a series of robberies that occurred in Ceres between May of 2008 and August of 2008. In each case, Singh entered a place of business and handed a note to the cashier demanding money or face being shot. In turn, the cashier's all handed money over to Singh. Singh was arrested after he was identified by several victims.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable Scott Steffen sentenced Singh to five years in state prison. In addition, Singh was further advised that any future felony conviction would make him eligible for 25 years to life in state prison under California's Three Strikes law.