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PRESS RELEASE

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Date: April 28, 2009
Re: Garland Roy Williams
Domestic Violence and Grand Theft
Result in 7 years, 4 months in prison

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Garland Roy Williams, age 33, entered a plea of guilty to Grand Theft and Domestic Violence, after a hearing on April 28, 2009. The defendant also admitted one prior felony conviction that falls under California's "Three Strikes" law. Deputy District Attorney Nate Baker prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events that occurred on November 10, 2007, when Williams drove into a field that had just been harvested. The aluminum irrigation pipes had been broken down for storage and tied in bundles. Williams loaded up several bundles and took the pipes to a recycling center. Williams received \$31.50 from the recycler. The farmer/owner estimated the replacement value at \$500.

On February 15, 2008, Williams's former girlfriend, was driving her car with Williams in the passenger seat. Williams was drunk and began to argue with the victim. He punched her in the arm, leaving a red mark. He also pulled out a box cutter and was waving it around while he threatened to kill her.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable Timothy Salter sentenced Williams to 7 years and 4 months in state prison.

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