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Re: Patricia Avalos
Conviction for Home Invasion

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Patricia Avalos, age 29, of Modesto, was convicted after a three-day jury trial of two counts of home invasion robbery, one count of first degree burglary, and the enhancements of having committed the burglary while the residence was occupied, discharging a firearm, having used a firearm and committing a felony with a firearm. Deputy District Attorney Jared Carrillo prosecuted the case for the People.

On January 9, 2010, while armed with a semi-automatic handgun, Avalos forced her way into a home on Eureka St. in Modesto. The home's occupants included a father and neighbor who were inside the home. A mother and a 2-year-old child arrived home while the robbery was in progress. Avalos held all the victims at gunpoint, threatening to kill them if they moved. With the assistance of four, as yet unidentified, accomplices, Avalos took items from the home including money and jewelry. Prior to leaving, Avalos told the victims she would be coming back for more property.

The Honorable Linda McFadden scheduled a sentencing hearing for May 7, 2010. Avalos faces in excess of 17 years in state prison.

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