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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Manual Macias and David Esquilin
Robbers/Burglars Sent to Prison

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Manual Macias, age 45, of Modesto, and David Esquilin, age 30, of Waterford, were convicted on February 22, 2010 of 3 counts of second degree burglary and one count of robbery. Esquilin has previously served a prior prison term.

During a three month period between December of 2008 and February 2009, Macias and Esquilin were involved in a criminal enterprise where one of them would go into a retail business and grab the business' cash register and run out. The other would serve as the get-away driver. Macias and Esquilin were convicted of the burglaries of Big Cal's Market in Denair on December 11, 2008, Vineyard 76 in Salida on January 1, 2009, Denair Market on January 18, 2009 and the robbery of the Fruityard restaurant in Waterford on January 27, 2009. In the Fruityard restaurant robbery, the cashier attempted to thwart the theft but the cash register was taken from her grasp.

Upon entry of the pleas, the Honorable Timothy Salter sentenced Esquilin to seven years in state prison and Manual Macias to five years in state prison.

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