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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Stanley David Habig, age 23, of Modesto was sentenced to ten years in prison on June 6, 2011 for two counts of Robbery, one count each of Attempted Robbery and Commercial Burglary, and enhancements that he used a knife in the robberies and that he committed a crime against a person 65 years old or older. Habig's sentence was increased by two years because he committed offenses after being released from custody on his own recognizance following an earlier arrest for burglary. Deputy District Attorney Meghan M. Greerty prosecuted the case for the People.

On September 20, 2010, Habig robbed the Jalapenos Tacqueria in Modesto after the he came behind the cash register counter while holding a knife. Habig demanded that the clerk open the register and threatened her with the knife. Habig fled the scene with approximately \$200.

Just a few weeks later, on October 8, 2010, Habig went to the Memory Lane Thrift Store, where he spent twenty minutes looking at merchandise and making small talk with the clerk. After leaving the store briefly, Habig returned. He approached the clerk with a belt, demanded that she open the cash register, and then bound her hands with the belt and pushed her into a nearby dressing room. Habig threatened the victim, telling her that "if you make a sound, I will kill you" and "Don't lie to me or I will rip your heart out." After taking money from the register, Habig then took the victim's jewelry off her hands and neck, and stole her cell phone. The victim was seventy-five years old at the time.

Less than a week later, on October 11, 2010, Habig went to Second Chance Consignment Store where he again demanded money from a clerk after wielding a knife. The victim was unable to open the cash register and Habig fled without any money.

Just two days later, on October 13, Habig was seen by loss prevention officers stealing men's underpants, women's hair dye, and a t-shirt at Target. He admitted to the theft and was taken into custody. He was subsequently identified by the prior robbery victims and witnesses.