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Re: Career Burglar Gets 35 Years-to-Life

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Jarrod James Wilson, age 42, of Modesto was sentenced on January 16, 2014 to thirty-five years to life for residential burglary and commercial burglary after a jury found him guilty on November 1, 2013. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

On November 6, 2010 at around 3:30 PM, the victims' daughter drove by her parents' home on W. Rumble Drive in Modesto to check on the residence while they were away on vacation. She saw an unknown car parked in the driveway and a man jump into her parents' backyard. She wrote down the license plate number and waited for her husband to arrive. When her husband arrived, they approached the front door of the house. An unknown female was sitting in the passenger seat of the Wilson's car which was parked in the driveway. After she began to honk the horn, Wilson came out the front door, confronted the husband and ran past him carrying a pillow case. Wilson then got into the car and drove off. The house had been ransacked. Wilson had gained entry into the home by breaking the rear door.

About a month after the burglary occurred, the victims were able to identify some of their stolen jewelry from photos that the Modesto Police Department Pawn Detail Unit received from a pawn shop. The pawn slip, with Wilson's fingerprint, indicated that Wilson sold the jewelry an hour after the burglary occurred.

"The most heartbreaking fact of this burglary," said prosecutor Jeff Mangar, "is that the family heirlooms were never recovered and the victims did not have insurance to cover their losses."

Wilson was on parole for residential burglary at the time of this offense. His prior conviction from 1996 for residential burglary of his former fiancée in which Wilson was sentenced to 13 years in state prison was found true by the Court. Wilson's 1990 conviction for residential burglary of a friend in which he stole his friend's vehicle was also found true. Both of these prior convictions for residential burglaries are considered "strikes" under California's Three Strikes Law.