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Re: Alvin Bernard Jones convicted Phone: (209) 525-5550

of multiple felonies

Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Alvin Jones, age 46, of Modesto, was convicted at jury trial on August 27<sup>th</sup> of Vehicle Theft, Battery on a Cohabitant, Threatening to Commit a Crime, False Imprisonment and Possession of Methamphetamine. It was also found true that the defendant had three prior convictions for violent felonies under California's "Three Strikes" law. Deputy District Attorney Beth O'Hara De Jong prosecuted the case for the People.

On April 14, 2014, Officer Wilson arrived at the Vagabond Motel at approximately 9 p.m. for Community Oriented Policing purposes. He noticed a female running toward him with no shirt on and bleeding from her nose.

The victim informed the police that she had been held in her motel room against her will for several hours by her boyfriend, Jones. The victim had asked for the keys to her car so she could go to the mission so her kids could eat. This angered Jones and he became violent. Jones punched her in the nose, threatened to kill her and tackled her when she tried to leave. The victim was able to escape from the motel room when Jones answered a knock at the door and she ran to the motel manager's office for safety. Jones then fled in the victim's car.

April 22, 2014 CHP Officer De Prater located the victim's stolen car; it was being driven by Jones. A search incident to arrest revealed that Jones had methamphetamine in his pocket.

In 1998 in Stockton, Jones brutally attacked another woman who received a broken jaw and a gash in her face that extended from her ear to her mid-cheekbone. She received over 50 stitches and remained in the hospital for a month. Jones was convicted of Attempted Murder, Aggravated Mayhem and Assault with a Deadly Weapon Causing Great Bodily Injury. Jones was sentenced to 13 years in prison for that offense and subsequently paroled to Modesto.

In 2012, Jones was charged and acquitted of domestic violence and sexual offenses involving another woman. At the trial that just completed on August 27th, the jurors heard testimony from both prior women to prove his propensity to commit such acts.

Judge Dawna Reeves set September 12, 2014 for sentencing. He is facing a maximum of life in prison.

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