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## PRESS RELEASE

### For Immediate Release

Date: May 22, 2017  
Re: David Lee McDaniel III  
Robbery Convictions and Prison Sentence

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**Modesto, California** - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that David Lee McDaniel III, age 39, of Patterson, was convicted on March 13, 2017, by a Stanislaus County Superior Court jury of nine counts of robbery. Deputy District Attorney Mabel Lew prosecuted the case on behalf of the People.

From June through October of 2014, McDaniel robbed a series of businesses in the cities of Patterson and Westley. McDaniel concealed his identity by wearing a bandana over his face, a hooded sweatshirt, and gloves. He kept one hand concealed in his pocket as if he had a weapon. Surveillance videos captured the robberies, but none of the victims or witnesses could identify him in a photo line-up. McDaniel's neighbor gave a tip to law enforcement that he suspected McDaniel was involved. A criminal background check showed McDaniel was on active parole since August of 2013 and did not tell his parole agent about his current address which was close to the businesses he robbed. A search of McDaniel's house and vehicle revealed two pairs of distinctive shoes along with clothing items identical to what was worn during the crimes.

McDaniel was previously convicted of two robberies in 2003 and sentenced to twelve years in state prison. He had been out on parole only ten months when he began his crime spree in Patterson. These prior convictions made McDaniel eligible for a life sentence in his current case under California's "Three Strikes" law.

At sentencing on May 16, 2017, Judge Nancy Ashley sentenced him to 125 years to life for the nine robberies and added additional time for having the prior convictions for serious felonies.

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