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PRESS RELEASE

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Jason Edward Mitts, age 33, of Modesto, was convicted at jury trial on May 4, 2011, of two counts of robbery. In addition, he pled no contest to three more counts of robbery in unrelated cases and admitted that he had used a firearm in the robberies. Mitts also pled guilty to possession of a dangerous weapon and admitted that he had previously been convicted of a serious or violent felony which falls under California's "Three Strikes" law, that he had served three prior prison terms and that he was out on bail on the deadly weapon charge when he committed the robberies. Deputy District Attorney Sandra Bishop prosecuted the case for the People.

On April 2, 2009, Mitts, a wanted parolee, was a passenger in a stolen car that was stopped by police. Mitts was searched and a pair of brass knuckles was found in his pants pocket. He was arrested and posted bail. On April 15, 2010, Mitts robbed two clerks at the Vineyard 76 station on Whitmore Avenue in Ceres. On April 21, 2010, he pulled a handgun from his waist area and robbed a clerk working at Hanna's Bakery on Carpenter Road in Modesto. On April 24, 2010, he held up a clerk working at the 7-11 on Yosemite Boulevard in Modesto and on April 25, 2010, he held up a clerk working at the Chevron gas station on Kansas Road in Modesto.

Upon entry of the guilty verdicts and the no contest plea, the Honorable Dawna Reeves sentenced Mitts to thirty-three years in state prison.

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