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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Convicted Bank Robber sentenced

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Edwin Chambers, age 53, of Modesto, was sentenced on December 4, 2006 to 25 years to life under California's "Three Strikes Law" for a bank robbery committed earlier this year in Modesto. Deputy District Attorney John R. Mayne prosecuted the case on behalf of the People.

On April 12, 2006, Chambers entered a local Union Bank. He handed the teller a threatening note and demanded money. After fleeing the bank, a dye pack in the bank bag activated. Chambers was later caught by police and confessed to the crime when interviewed.

On October 27th, 2006 Chambers pleaded guilty to robbery, having two prior convictions for robbery, plus two other enhancements.

On Monday, December 12th, 2006, Stanislaus County Superior Court Judge Donald Shaver denied a defense motion to dismiss the prior 1985 robbery conviction counts, citing the seriousness of the instant crime and Chambers's continuing history of criminality. Chambers was sentenced to 25 years to life in state prison and will be eligible for parole after serving 25 years.

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