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**PRESS RELEASE**

**For Immediate Release**

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Re: People v. Ronnie Mendoza and Patricia Westervelt - Robbery nets two defendants two years in state prison

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Ronnie Charles Mendoza, age 38, and Patricia Flores Westervelt, age 45, both of Modesto, were each convicted of robbery and sentenced to state prison for two years. The case arose out of an incident on May 22, 2008 when Mr. Mendoza struck the victim knocking him to the ground, after which Ms. Westervelt then went through his pockets and took over \$500 in cash.