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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Amador - Repeat Offender Convicted
of multiple counts of Robbery

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that EDWARD JESSIE AMADOR, age 44, of Modesto, was convicted by a Stanislaus County jury of two counts of bank robbery and one count of home invasion robbery on June 23, 2009 following a two week jury trial. Deputy District Attorney Thomas Brennan prosecuted the case for the People.

Amador was on parole after serving a state prison sentence for bank robbery when he entered the Bank of the West on 9th and H streets in Modesto on May 12, 2006 at approximately 12:30 pm. Amador brandished a replica firearm while demanding money from a bank teller and a bank customer who was being assisted by the teller. Amador escaped with \$200 and retreated to his get away car. A bank customer happened to be driving past Amador's Mustang which was parked in the alley behind the bank, engine running, driver's side door open. The alert customer watched Amador exit the bank and enter the Mustang. Amador then struck the customer's vehicle with the door of his Mustang. The customer yelled at Amador and chased him through the streets of Modesto after Amador fled. Amador abandoned the Mustang near a business on Sutter Avenue in Modesto. Amador then broke into a residence across the street from where he abandoned the Mustang and accosted the homeowner demanding his car keys. When the homeowner resisted, Amador grabbed a kitchen knife from the residence and threatened to kill the homeowner's elderly mother who was also in the residence. The homeowner gave up his car keys. Amador escaped in the victim's car.

The alert customer who followed Amador from the bank to the Sutter Avenue address waited for police to arrive. After identifying the Mustang to police officers, the Mustang was searched. Amador's parole papers, social security card, address book, and personal pictures taken in the Department of Corrections were located inside the car.

On May 31, 2006, Modesto Police Officers converged on Amador's address on Fort Sumpter Avenue in Modesto. When Amador spotted the police he fled through the house into the back

yard. Amador hopped fences and refused to submit to the police. Amador surrendered after he was pepper sprayed by Police.

All seven prosecution witnesses identified Amador as the bank robber and home invasion robber. Some of the victims trembled with fear as they testified even though three years had passed since the offense.

Amador has suffered two prior robbery convictions, one of which was a bank robbery. Amador had previously served over seven prison terms for burglary and auto theft. Amador faces 89 years to life when he is sentenced on a date not yet set.

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