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**PRESS RELEASE**

**For Immediate Release**

Date: November 6, 2009  
Re: Kurtis Smith - Six Years Prison for  
Carjacking and Inflicting Great Bodily  
Injury

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Kurtis Smith, age 17, of Fresno was convicted on November 6, 2009 of carjacking and admitted to personally inflicting great bodily injury on the victim of the carjacking. Deputy District Attorney John Baker prosecuted the case for the People.

On June 15, 2009, in Turlock, Smith was living in a Turlock group home. He and a fellow group home resident, Israel Gonzales, beat up a 60 year old female group home caretaker and took her vehicle. Both Smith and Gonzales were arrested in Fresno within a couple of days of the attack. The caretaker suffered a broken rib and several bruises. Both Smith and Gonzales were prosecuted as adults due the seriousness of the offense.

Upon entry of the no contest plea, the Honorable Scott Steffan sentenced Smith to six years in state prison. Previously, Mr. Gonzales, also 17 at the time of the attack, was sentenced to six years in state prison for his involvement in the crimes.

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