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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Joseph Walsh Conviction

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Joseph Robert Walsh, age 26, of Modesto, was convicted on July 9th, 2012 of second degree robbery. Walsh also admitted a special enhancement for inflicting great bodily injury during the robbery. Deputy District Attorney Meghan Greerty prosecuted the case for the People.

On July 21, 2011, Walsh approached the 64-year-old victim at the Greyhound Bus Depot in Modesto. Walsh grabbed the victim's purse, causing her to fall to the ground and dislocate her shoulder. Walsh ran off with the purse and was pursued by citizens who witnessed the robbery. Witnesses found Walsh in a bathroom with the purse and were able to detain him until officers from the Modesto Police Department arrived at the scene.

Judge Ricardo Cordova sentenced Walsh to 5 years in state prison.

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