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Re: People v. Anthony Ray Quijas

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Anthony Ray Quijas, age 23, of Modesto, was convicted on January 12, 2015 of attempted robbery, sale of a controlled substance and felon in possession of a firearm. Deputy District Attorney Jessica Bustos prosecuted the case for the People.

On October 12, 2013, Quijas stole several items from Cost Less in the city of Modesto. When apprehended by the loss prevention officer outside of the store, Quijas resisted, attempted to flee and brandished a firearm. The loss prevention officer removed the firearm which was determined to be a BB gun. Quijas admitted to taking the items from the store and possessing the BB gun.

On October 24, 2014, officers of the Modesto Narcotics Enforcement Team (MNED) conducted a controlled purchase with confidential informants who bought methamphetamine from Quijas. Later that day, officers attempted to apprehend Quijas. Quijas ran into a Wendy's restaurant with a loaded .22 caliber revolver and tried to dispose of the firearm in a napkin holder. Quijas was arrested and admitted that he had sold the drugs and that the firearm was his.

Judge Dawna Reeves sentenced Quijas to three years in state prison for the sale of methamphetamine, two years for being a felon in possession of a firearm, two years for the attempted robbery, and she ordered the last two sentences to be served concurrently for a total of three years in state prison.

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