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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Coleman Cherry
Robbery conviction / state prison sentence

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Coleman Cherry, age 36, of Merced, was convicted on January 24, 2017 of Robbery and sentenced to state prison. Deputy District Attorney Dina Petrushenko prosecuted the case for the People.

On April 26, 2015, Cherry entered the Dollar General store in Turlock. He approached the cashier, who was working alone, with a soda and a \$10 bill. When the clerk opened the register to complete the sale, Cherry lunged across the counter and began grabbing cash from the register. He struggled with the cashier over the money before fleeing the scene.

Two weeks later, Cherry was identified after he committed a similar offense at a different Dollar General Store in Ceres.

Cherry also admitted to having been previously convicted of a 2006 robbery that occurred in Turlock for which he was sentenced to prison. That previous conviction qualified under California's "Three Strikes" law to increase his current sentence.

Judge Linda McFadden sentenced Cherry to seventeen years in state prison.

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