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NEWS RELEASE

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Re: Bradley Gentry III

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney James C. Brazelton announced that Bradley Gentry III was sentenced today to 13 years in state prison by the Honorable Loretta Begen for an armed robbery of a pizza parlor in Newman. Gentry, 39 years old from Oakland, was previously convicted by a Stanislaus County jury of armed robbery in August of this year.

Patrons and employees of the pizza parlor testified that two men wearing masks and armed with guns entered the restaurant and while pointing a gun at a clerk took money from the cash register at the restaurant. The robbery was seen by the manager via closed circuit television and she called 911. When the robbers fled out the back door the police were already there, and after a brief chase Officer Brett Short captured Gentry with the money. Deputy District Attorney Rob Taro prosecuted the case.

Gentry was prosecuted under California's "10-20-Life" gun law. Since the jury convicted him of using a gun during the robbery Judge Begen added an additional 10 years, to what normally would have been a three year prison term.