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Re: People v. James Leroy Kelly, #1238711

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that James Leroy Kelly, age 42, of Modesto, was convicted after jury trial on 7/1/08. Deputy District Attorney Wendell Emerson prosecuted the case which was investigated by Sgt. Jon Buehler of the Modesto Police Department. The Honorable Judge Hurl Johnson presided over the jury trial.

The case arose out of events which occurred on December 20, 2007 in the city of Modesto. During the evening hours, Kelly approached the victim who was in her driveway and preparing to get into her car. Kelly then assaulted the victim, took her purse and ran off. After hearing his mother's plea for help, the victim's son came out of the residence, chased Kelly down and held him until police were able to arrest him.

Kelly was found guilty of robbery. Further, the court found to be true the criminal allegations that Kelly had previously been convicted of 2 separate counts of robbery, attempted robbery and first degree burglary. The court also found true the additional allegation that Kelly had not remained free of prison custody for more than five years before committing the current offense.

Sentencing is scheduled for September 19, 2008 at which time the defendant faces a 51 years to life prison sentence.

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