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Re: Henry Rosales Phone: (209) 525-5550

Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Henry Rosales, age 29, of Modesto, was convicted after a 3-day jury trial on September 25, 2008. Deputy District Attorney Wendell Emerson prosecuted the case for the People. The Honorable Donald E. Shaver presided over the trial.

The case arose out of events which occurred on January 19, 2008 in the city of Modesto. On that date, Henry Rosales approached the 18 year-old victim who was washing his car in the driveway of his residence. Rosales then forced the victim to drive to a location within Modesto. Once at that location, Rosales assaulted the victim and took some of the victim's belongings. Subsequently, the victim fled to a residence in the area and requested help. A citizen assisted the victim and called police. Police arrived and searched for the suspect. Within minutes, the police apprehended Rosales in the area and arrested him.

The jury convicted Rosales of one count of felony P.C. 487c, grand theft person, and one count of felony P.C. 207, kidnapping. A court trial is scheduled for September 29, 2008 to determine whether or not Rosales has previously suffered two prior convictions for robbery as alleged by the People. Rosales falls under the "3 Strikes" sentencing guidelines and faces a maximum state prison sentence of 35 years to life.