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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Jerardo Gonzales Hernandez
Burglar Gets Four Years in State
Prison

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Jerardo Gonzales Hernandez, age 32, of Waterford, was convicted of First Degree Burglary, having a prior serious or violent felony conviction, and having a prior felony conviction that falls under California's "Three Strikes Law." Deputy District Attorney Shawn H. Barlow prosecuted the case on behalf of the People.

The case arose out of events that occurred on March 23, 2007 when Hernandez, along with a female accomplice, kicked in the door of a home on Dale Road in Modesto. The homeowner came home during the burglary and found Hernandez carrying tools away from the home. Hernandez and the accomplice fled in a vehicle but were later captured by sheriff's deputies. The stolen tools were recovered and returned to the homeowner.

Upon entry of the guilty plea, the Honorable Scott Steffen sentenced the defendant to 4 years in state prison.

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