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PRESS RELEASE

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Date: April 24, 2009
Re: Raymond Andrew Hernandez
Forgery Results in 4 Years in State
Prison

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Raymond Andrew Hernandez, age 38, of Modesto, entered a plea of no contest on April 24, 2009 to the felony charge of forgery. The defendant additionally admitted a previous felony conviction for first degree burglary- a crime that falls under California's "Three Strikes" law. Deputy District Attorney Abel C.K. Hung prosecuted the case on behalf of the People.

The case arose out of events that occurred on July 26, 2007 when the defendant was working as a courier for DHL. The defendant dropped off a COD package at a business and received a check for the delivery from the business. The check was for the amount of \$342. Subsequently, the defendant changed the payee on the check to his own name and attempted to cash the check at a Money Mart business. Suspicious of the transaction, Money Mart employees contacted the business who issued the check and discovered the defendant's illegal actions. Money Mart employees then promptly contacted the Modesto Police Department and reported the defendant and his activities.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable Thomas Zeff sentenced the defendant to 4 years in state prison.

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