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And Tax Evasion

Five Years Prison for Identity Theft

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Date: April 26, 2010 Bounthavy Tyler Manivong Carol Shipley, Assistant District Attorney Phone: (209) 525-5550

Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Bounthavy Tyler Manivong, age 32, was sentenced by the Honorable John Whiteside on April 19, 2010 to five years in state prison and ordered to pay over \$2,000,000 in restitution following his conviction for five counts of identity theft and one count of tax evasion. Senior Deputy District Attorney W.R. McKenzie prosecuted the case for the People. This case arose from a real estate investment scheme where Manivong convinced victims to invest money with him for certain real estate transactions. The transactions were never carried out and Manivong pocketed the money. This was a joint investigation by the Office of the District Attorney and the FBI.

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