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Re: People v. Jason Lyle Hotchkiss

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Jason Lyle Hotchkiss, age 41 of Turlock, was convicted on February 23, 2015 of residential burglary and possession of a dirk or dagger. Hotchkiss also admitted having been previously convicted of residential burglary, a felony which falls under California's "Three Strikes" law, and that he had served a prior prison term for a separate theft offense. Deputy District Attorney Randy Fischer prosecuted the case for the People.

On October 2, 2013, Hotchkiss entered the garage of the victim and stole a tool box and hunting knife. He was discovered sleeping on school grounds at Julien Elementary School the next morning as children were arriving for class. The school is approximately two blocks from the scene of the burglary. Hotchkiss had the victim's hunting knife hidden under his shirt.

Judge Nancy Ashley scheduled a sentencing hearing for March 9, 2015. Hotchkiss faces a maximum of 14 years and 4 months in state prison.

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