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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Corey Wayne Smith
Robbery convictions and sentence

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that on November 27, 2018, Corey Wayne Smith, age 31, of Modesto, has been convicted and sentenced in two separate robbery cases arising from crimes at the Ceres and Riverbank Home Depot stores in Stanislaus County. Deputy District Attorney Patrick Hogan prosecuted the cases on behalf of the People.

On July 29, 2018, Smith took over \$2,700 worth of items from the Home Depot in Ceres. Smith was confronted by a Loss Prevention officer who recognized him from previous thefts at that store. Smith swung an axe at the employee to avoid arrest and then fled the area with the stolen property.

On September 18, 2018, Smith took items from the Home Depot store in Riverbank. When a store employee tried to stop him, Smith pulled out a knife and threatened the employee before running away. Stanislaus Sheriff's deputies responding to the call found Smith and arrested him. A search of his vehicle revealed stolen property from Home Depot worth several thousand dollars.

Smith has been connected to several other crimes, including another theft in July 2018 from the same Home Depot in Riverbank and another reported robbery that occurred at the Home Depot store in Turlock.

On November 27, 2018, as part of a plea agreement, Smith pled no contest before Judge Thomas Zeff to two counts of robbery and admitted using a deadly weapon in both cases. Zeff then sentenced Smith to serve a total of four years in state prison on both his cases.

The robbery charges are considered 'violent' felonies so Smith should have to serve a minimum of 85% of his sentence in state prison before being paroled.

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