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Two Men Convicted of West Sacramento Home Burglary

(Woodland, CA) – February 10, 2010 – Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that yesterday a Yolo County jury convicted West Sacramento men Valentino Andrade and Kelvin Martinez of First Degree Burglary. The jury also convicted Martinez of misdemeanor vandalism.

On June 14, 2009 a neighbor and good friend of the victim was standing on her patio when she observed Andrade and Martinez carrying a 52 inch flat screen television that she had helped the victim pick out. She went to the home of her friend to make sure it was the same television and then ran after the burglars. She recognized one suspect, Andrade, as someone who used to live in the neighborhood. She was able to give a description and later identify the other suspect, Martinez, in court. That night, both suspects escaped.

The next day Martinez returned to the scene of the crime. The family who owned the television spotted him throwing a rock through the kitchen window. Sometime later Andrade turned himself in to the West Sacramento Police Department. West Sacramento Police Officers arrested Martinez later that day after being contacted by the family who were the victims of the burglary.

During the trial, the Court found that Martinez had a prior strike conviction. He faces up to 17 years in state prison. Andrade faces up to 6 years for his crime.

"The jury sent a clear message that violating a person's home will not be tolerated in Yolo County," said District Attorney Jeff Reisig.

Sentencing is set for March 10, 2010 in front of the Honorable Judge Paul Richardson.

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