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(Woodland, CA) – March 4, 2010- District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that on March 3, 2010, the Honorable Kathleen White sentenced 62 year old Woodland resident Jose Luis Rangel to eight years and eight months in prison for the burglary of Woodland's Holy Rosary Church and a Woodland ATM. Judge White also sentenced 57 year old Eleanor Irene Rangel, Jose Rangel's wife, to three years probation with local jail time for her possession of stolen property from another Woodland business.

The convictions of Eleanor and Jose Rangel resolved a host of crimes attributed to the couple that were investigated by Woodland Detective Dallas Hyde. These crimes included Jose Rangel's burglary of a safe in the Holy Rosary Church using an acetylene torch in November 2007, a break into a Woodland ATM using a cutting torch in October of 2008, the burglary of a neighbor in July of 2008, the theft of a laptop computer from a local business March of 2009 and the burning of two cars sitting in a carport attached to the home of one of Mr. Rangel's former employers in January of 2009. Mr. Rangel had also been placed on probation in Placer County for his attempt to burglarize a Roseville ATM, again with a cutting torch. Eleanor Rangel was found in possession of the laptop stolen from the Woodland business and she attempted to bribe the owner into not reporting the crime. Evidence also revealed that Ms. Rangel lied to the police about her husband's role in the church burglary, and that she had been advising her husband to hide from the police and, in a recorded conversation, claimed to have "covered" for her husband for twenty years.

Judge White offered a strong rebuke to Mr. Rangel, calling his conduct "inexcusable" and ordering him to pay restitution, estimated to exceed \$42,000, to all of his victims for their losses as part of his sentence. When only 150 days in jail were proposed for Ms. Rangel, Prosecutor Ryan Couzens disagreed, calling Ms. Rangel "callous" for, among other things, kicking out the couple's only daughter, who refused to assist Mr. Rangel in committing his crimes. Judge White also noted Mrs. Rangel's role in her husband's crimes and sentenced Mrs. Rangel to three years probation and a year in county jail.

District Attorney Jeff Reisig stated, "The sentencing of Jose and Eleanor Rangel marks at least the interruption, and hopefully the end, of the Ranges' criminal enterprise," Reisig further commended Detective Hyde for "putting all the pieces together."

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