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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**SEXUAL ASSAULTER CONVICTED**

Woodland – Friday, January 11, 2008 - A Yolo County jury convicted Christopher Bryson (24) of eight felonies and two misdemeanors stemming from a series of residential break-ins that occurred in August of 2007 in Davis. Bryson faces two possible life sentences for charges of assault with intent to commit rape as well as convictions for residential burglaries, drug offenses and felony evasion.

Evidence at the trial demonstrated that Bryson broke into a Davis apartment at 5 o'clock in the morning and sexually assaulted a female student. When she began to scream, he fled and immediately broke into a second apartment. He jumped on the bed of another female student, straddling her and holding down her arms. She screamed and fought him off while her roommate called the police. Bryson led police on a high-speed chase for 22 miles before he was apprehended. He was found with cocaine and marijuana in his car. He was also found with photographs of young women that had been stolen from a third residence.

Deputy District Attorney Carolyn Palumbo who prosecuted the case stated, "The jury did an excellent job of digesting all the facts and coming to appropriate verdicts." Per District Attorney Jeff Reisig, "Sexual assaults of total strangers in their own homes are some of the most heinous crimes imaginable. Our office is committed to prosecuting these cases to the fullest extent possible."

Bryson will be sentenced on February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008 in Department 4 of the Yolo County Superior Court. For additional information, contact Chief Deputy District Attorney Ann Hurd at (530) 666-8180.