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BOMB SCARE RESULTS IN CONVICTION

Woodland – July 15, 2008 – A Yolo County jury has convicted Barry Alan Turnage, 62, of the felony offense of leaving a false bomb at the Yolo county Communications Center in Woodland. Evidence presented at trial showed that Turnage left the false bomb on top of the keypad entrance devise outside the Center on September 3, 2006. At the time of his arrest, Turnage told police that he was upset with the women at the Communications Center.

In addition to finding Turnage guilty of planting the false bomb, the jury unanimously rejected the defense claim that Turnage was legally insane at the time of the offense. The jury also found that he had previously been convicted of two separate strike offenses. One was for shooting a rifle into an occupied fire truck in Berkeley in 1978 and the other was for an armed robbery committed in Yolo County in 1986.

Turnage is scheduled for sentencing on August 28th before Superior Court Judge Thomas Warriner. He faces a potential sentence of 25 years to life under California's "Three Strikes Law."