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**PRESS RELEASE**

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District Attorney Jerry Benito announced today the sentencing of Rickie Alan Biddle, age 25, to state prison for 27 years 4 months following his plea of guilty to a home invasion robbery, criminal threats and personal use of a firearm. On October 1, 2007 Biddle and 3 others invaded a home in Bella Vista for the purpose of stealing marijuana plants growing there in the backyard of the residence. After cutting down the marijuana plants, Biddle, armed with a 9 millimeter pistol, kicked open the door of the residence, pistol whipped an occupant threatening others there and demanded valuables. Biddle's 3 companions had previously been sentenced to prison for their participation. Superior Court Judge William Gallagher handed down Biddle's sentence. John Kucera represented Biddle and Deputy District Attorney Eamon Fitzgerald prosecuted the case. The investigation that followed the incident and resulted in identification of Biddle and the others was accomplished by members of the Shasta County Sheriff's Department led by detectives Wes Collette and Steve Grashoff.