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**Carjacker Sentenced to 20 Years and Four Months**

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Today, Javier Rodriguez, also known as Javier Talamonte, a 48 year old convicted felon from Riverside County, was sentenced to 20 years and 4 months in state prison following his convictions for carjacking (Penal Code section 215), robbery (Penal Code section 211) and to making criminal threats (Penal Code section 422) in an incident that occurred in Redding last December.

In addition, the defendant admitted allegations that he had previously been convicted of a strike offense (assault with a deadly weapon, a knife) under California's Three Strike's Law.

The current charges stemmed from a carjacking and robbery that occurred on the morning of December 8, 2010, during which the victim, a young woman from Anderson driving from her home to Redding to do Christmas shopping, was waved down by the defendant. The victim believed that the defendant was injured and needed her help so she stopped for him. The defendant walked to her passenger door opened it and got into her vehicle. The defendant immediately grabbed the victim's cell phone and began cursing and threatening to kill her.

The defendant screamed at the victim to drive. The defendant had his hand in his pocket as if he were holding a gun while threatening to kill her. The terrified victim drove as directed east on Canyon and north onto 273. As they approached South Bonnyview the defendant told her to turn east and she did. The defendant ordered the victim to stop her car and she complied. The defendant grabbed the keys from the ignition and got out of the passenger door and ran to the driver's side. There the defendant demanded that she give him her purse. He grabbed the victim's purse but she was able to wrestle it away from him.

The defendant demanded that the victim get out of her car and she did. Using her keys the defendant drove away with the victim's car. Moments later, the stranded victim screamed for help and flagged down the driver of a passing car. That Good Samaritan called 911 for the victim who reported the crimes to the Redding Police Department.