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Woodland Man is Convicted of String of Home Burglaries
Mario Lopez faces a 22 year prison sentence

(Woodland, CA) – August 20, 2014- District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that on August 19, 2014, Mario Lopez, 26, of Woodland, entered a plea of No Contest to multiple counts of burglary and agreed to a lengthy state prison sentence.

Lopez was charged with burglarizing eight homes in the cities of Woodland and Esparto between May, 2013 and March, 2014. He also burglarized two public storage units and two vehicles. Items taken in these burglaries included home and vehicle electronics, money, jewelry, tools and firearms.

Lopez entered the No Contest plea to eight counts of First Degree Burglary, four counts of Second Degree Burglary, and a charge of Felon in Possession of a Firearm. He also admitted allegations that a homeowner was home at the time of one of his burglaries and that he was released on bail at the time he committed at least one of his crimes.

Deputy District Attorney Carolyn Palumbo prosecuted the case and applauded the efforts of both the Yolo County Sheriff's Office and the Woodland Police Department. "Woodland, and other surrounding towns, saw a scourge of burglaries over an 11 month period," said Palumbo. "Due to the dedicated efforts of our law enforcement agencies, the burglaries have decreased considerably and people feel much safer in their homes."

District Attorney Reisig commented on the violent nature of home burglaries. "Having your home burglarized is both invasive and traumatizing," said Reisig. "When people are in their home, burglaries lead to violence. Our office continues to insist on significant sentences for those who commit residential burglaries because of the dangers and likelihood of innocent victims being injured or even killed."

Mario Lopez will be sentenced to 22 years in State Prison on September 30, 2014 by the Honorable David Reed of the Yolo County Superior Court.

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