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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**WOODLAKE MAN WHO STOLE DRONE SENTENCED TO PRISON**

Today in Department 10 of the Tulare County Superior Court, Visalia Division, Judge Kathryn Montejano sentenced Samuel Cabrera, age 33, of Woodlake, to 11 years in state prison for stealing a drone from a Visalia hobby store.

On March 29, 2017, Cabrera pleaded no contest to two violent felony counts of robbery, one felony count of commercial burglary, and one misdemeanor count of possession of methamphetamine. The robbery counts constitute as strikes under California's "Three Strikes" law. Cabrera also admitted to possessing a prior strike and prison term for residential burglary and auto theft in 2004, and a 2012 prison term for weapons possession.

On April 25, 2016, Cabrera carried a drone valued at nearly \$1,300 out of a Visalia store to a waiting pickup truck driven by co-defendant David Maynes, age 33. Two store employees attempted to retrieve the merchandise from the truck, with both being thrown from it and one employee rendered unconscious as the defendants accelerated away from the scene. Both employees were treated for their injuries by emergency personnel.

On June 2, 2016, Cabrera was arrested in Visalia and was found to be in possession of methamphetamine. Maynes was arrested on September 21, 2016, pleaded no contest to second-degree robbery, and sentenced to 2 years in state prison on February 23, 2017.

The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Kirk Davis of the Major Crimes Division and investigated by the Visalia Police Department.

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