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Release Date: April 6, 2018

Re: People v. Lance Johnson VCR231259

Today, in Department 17 of the Solano County Superior Court, before the Honorable Judge Peter B. Foor, the jury found the defendant, Lance Johnson, Guilty of Robbery, in violation of Penal Code Section 211, Taking or Driving a Stolen Vehicle, in violation of Vehicle Code section 10851(a), and Possessions of Burglar's Tools, in violation of Penal Code section 466. The jury found true the enhancement for Personal Use of a Deadly Weapon, in violation of Penal Code section 12022(B)(1). In a bifurcated court trial, the court found to be true the defendant was out on bail at the time he committed these offenses.



On January 3, 2018, the defendant was located in Vallejo in a truck that was later determined to be stolen. During the contact, the defendant was also in possession of car keys that had been altered for the purpose of burglarizing vehicles.

On January 20, 2018, the defendant entered Lowe's in Vallejo. While at Lowe's, he placed several high priced items on a flatbed cart and headed in the direction of the garden area of the store. After ducking behind a pot in the garden area, he drew the attention of a Lowe's employee. The employee asked him if he needed assistance, at which time the defendant who had a long knife stated, "Does it look like I need help?" He proceeded to exit the store without paying for the merchandise. Officers responded to Lowe's to investigate the crime. The suspect was positively identified leading to the defendant being arrested the following day.

The defendant is scheduled to be sentenced on May 4, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. in Department 17.

Both incidents were investigated by Joseph Coelho and Officer Yanette Hernandez of the Vallejo Police Department. The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Andrew Wood with the assistance of District Attorney Investigator Ted Jones.