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OROVILLE MAN CONVICTED OF IMPERSONATING HIS BROTHER WHEN ARRESTED

A 44-year-old Oroville man was convicted in court yesterday of using his half-brother's identity during several drug and theft arrests last September. District Attorney Mike Ramsey stated this was the conclusion of a long term case for his Economic Crime Investigation Unit.

Gregory Mark Robison had been running from law enforcement for some time using his half brother's name and approximately 17 variations of both his and his half brother's name. Ramsey said Robison's record also included seven different prison commitments. As a result of his conviction yesterday, Robison now faces 10 years in prison when he is sentenced on May 1, 2008.

Robison's half brother contacted the District Attorney's Office after he began having difficulty with a job promotion after a background check revealed arrests for various offenses in the Oroville area all of which were perpetrated by Robison masquerading as his half brother. The half brother also received legal mail threatening suit for a theft committed by Robison at a local grocery store.

Mr. Ramsey said Identity Theft is one of the fastest growing economic crimes in the nation and these types of crimes are devastating to not only the victims but the community at large. He credits the "County of Butte Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Fund" from the local casinos for providing additional monies to combat these types of Economic Crimes.