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**West Sacramento Man Convicted of Possessing a
Weapon in the Yolo County Jail**

Robert Lamar McInnis had a metal shank hidden in his jail cell

(Woodland, CA) - September 29, 2017 - Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced that on September 28, 2017, a Yolo County jury found 32-year-old West Sacramento man Robert Lamar McInnis guilty of possessing a weapon in the Yolo County Jail.

In the early morning of June 12, 2017, McInnis was housed in the Yolo County jail. When a correctional officer searched McInnis' cell, the officer found a metal shank hidden in an oatmeal box that McInnis was using to store his mail. The shank had been constructed from a piece of metal removed from a rusted door frame and a bolt taken from a light fixture. The two pieces had been joined with strips from a plastic bag. The shank had been rubbed on the concrete floor or wall to sharpen the tip. During the trial the correctional officer who discovered the shank described it as the "most serious" shank he had seen in his eleven year career.

The jury began its deliberation during the late afternoon of September 27, 2017, and reached its verdict the next morning.

District Attorney Jeff Reisig said, "Our office is thankful for the Yolo County Correctional Officers supervising the inmates that are in jail. It was through their hard work that this weapon was discovered before it could be used against anyone."

The Honorable Timothy Fall, who presided over the trial, will sentence McInnis on October 20, 2017. McInnis is facing up to 8 years in local prison, which would be served at the Yolo County Jail.

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