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NEWS RELEASE

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Re: Sheila Denise Smith-Williams

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County Assistant District Attorney Carol Shipley announced today that Sheila Denise Smith-Williams, age 35, of Modesto, was convicted after a jury trial on September 15, 2005. Deputy District Attorney Beth Owen prosecuted the case.

The case arose out of events which occurred on July 5, 2004 in the city of Modesto. Officers from the Modesto Narcotics Enforcement Team videotaped and recorded Ms. Williams sell 6 pieces of rock cocaine to a confidential informant.

After the jury found her guilty, she plead to her other open case, a violation of Penal Code section 470, forgery. In the forgery case, Ms. Williams entered Money Mart in Modesto and passed a forged check.

Ms. Williams also admitted two prior prison commitments, which could increase her sentence by two years.

A sentencing hearing is scheduled for October 26, 2005 before the Honorable Rick Distaso. Her maximum exposure is 7 years 8 months in state prison.

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