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Date: November 7, 2008 Re: People vs. Norma Jean Jones – Thief with prior prison terms will serve 6 years in State Prison. Carol Shipley, Assistant District Attorney Phone: (209) 525-5550

Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Norma Jean Jones, age 49, of Modesto, entered a plea of guilty to a felony violation of Penal Code Section 666, petty theft with a prior conviction for petty theft, at a pretrial hearing on November 7, 2008. Jones also admitted that she had previously served 4 separate terms in prison. Deputy District Attorney Dawna Frenchie appeared at the hearing for the People.

The case arose out of events which occurred on October 30, 2008 in the city of Modesto. Norma Jones took a cart full of items from a Savemart store without paying for them.

Upon the entry of the guilty plea, the Honorable Judge Nancy Ashley sentenced Jones to two years for the petty theft and an additional 4 years for the prior state prison commitments.

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