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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

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Re: Michele Rene Williams

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**Modesto, California** – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Michele Rene Williams, age 43, of Turlock, entered a plea of guilty to one count of auto theft, one count of possession of fake checks, one count of second degree burglary, one count of forgery of a check and admitted a violation of probation. Williams was on probation for possessing a forged check when she committed the current offenses. Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

The auto theft case occurred when the defendant failed to return a black 2007 Toyota Solara which she had rented from Hertz car rentals. The car had been reported stolen out of Modesto on June 1, 2008.

The burglary case arose out of events which occurred on July 1, 2008 when the defendant entered Save Mart and tried to make a purchase using a fraudulent check and driver's license. Williams ran out of the store when the store managers were examining the fake check.

On August 5, 2008, Modesto Police Officers arrested Williams on a warrant of arrest and discovered more fraudulent checks on her.

Upon the entry of her guilty plea, the Honorable John Whiteside sentenced Williams to a total of two years in state prison.