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Re: Mary Anges Saavedra - Phone: (209) 525-5550 Thief found guilty

Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Mary Anges Saavedra, age 39, of Dos Palos, was convicted of petty theft on March 26th after a three-day jury trial. Deputy District Attorney Merrill Hoult prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events which occurred on August 2, 2008, when an Asset Protection Associate from WalMart in Turlock observed Saavedra and her daughter place \$166.25 worth of clothing in a basket. Saavedra hid the clothing under a large bag of dog food and exited the store without paying for the merchandise.

Upon the conviction, the Honorable Scott Steffen placed Saavedra on 3 years informal probation, ordered her to pay specified fines and sentenced her to 7 days in the county jail.