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**PRESS RELEASE**

**For Immediate Release**

Date: May 18, 2009  
Re: Deanna West – Thief and Drug User  
Sent to Prison for 4 years, 8 months

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**Modesto, California** - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Deanna West, age 38, of Ceres, entered a plea of guilty on May 18, 2009, to Second Degree Burglary, Receiving Stolen Property, and Possession of Methamphetamine. West also admitted having two prior felony convictions for which she served commitments to state prison. Deputy District Attorney Anthony Colacito prosecuted the case on behalf of the People.

The case arose out of events that occurred on May 3, 2009, in Ceres, when West was observed rifling through the business office of Ace Hardware. After being accosted by store employees, West fled on foot. The store employees surrounded her until police arrived and she was taken into custody. Located on her person was recently stolen property from an unrelated incident and methamphetamine.

Upon entry of her no contest plea, the Honorable Thomas Zeff sentenced West to 4 years and 8 months in state prison.

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