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NEWS RELEASE

For immediate release

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Re: Wilma Joyce Richardson

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County Assistant District Attorney Carol Shipley announced today that Wilma Joyce Richardson, age 57, of Modesto, was sentenced to 5 years in prison on December 29th, during a hearing held in Stanislaus County Superior Court. Deputy District Attorney Jared T. Carrillo prosecuted the case for the People.

Richardson was prosecuted based upon events which occurred in the City of Modesto during September of 2004. Richardson entered two different Modesto businesses and cashed two different checks which had both been previously stolen and were forged. The total combined loss to both businesses was in excess of \$1,200.00.

On September 16, 2005, a Stanislaus County Superior Court jury found Richardson guilty of 2 felony counts of Commercial Burglary and Forgery. Additionally, Judge Loretta Murphy-Begen found that Richardson, whose criminal history dates back 13 years, had been committed to prison on 2 prior occasions for theft related offenses.

Richardson, who is currently in custody in the Stanislaus County jail, was remanded to the custody of the Sheriff for delivery to the California Department of Corrections to serve her sentence in prison.

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