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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: David Carpenter – Theft gets defendant
4 years and 8 months in state prison

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that David Lee Carpenter, age 51, of Escalon was convicted on February 26, 2009 of petty theft with prior theft convictions and evading a police officer. Carpenter also admitted having served two prior prison commitments. Deputy District Attorney Beth Owen prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events which occurred on April 17, 2005 in the city of Oakdale. The defendant took a bike from K-Mart, and then left without paying. He rode the bike to a truck and put it in the truck. While officers tried to apprehend the defendant, the defendant evaded police speeding through residential neighborhoods. The pursuit was called off for public safety reasons, but the defendant was later apprehended and the bike was found hidden in a shed.

Upon his entry of a no contest plea, the Honorable Thomas Zeff sentenced the defendant to 4 years and 8 months in state prison. The sentence imposed is to run consecutively to a 151-month Federal sentence that Carpenter is currently serving for bank robbery.

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