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**PRESS RELEASE**

**For Immediate Release**

Date: June 6, 2009  
Re: Diane Lynn Cox – Grand Theft  
Results in 2 years Prison

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**Modesto, California** - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Diane Lynn Cox, age 44, of Livingston, was convicted of grand theft. Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey M. Laugero prosecuted the case on behalf of the People.

The case arose out of events that occurred on May 28, 2009 when defendants Rocky Carl Crawford and Diane Lynn Cox stole an irrigation pump from the TID Ceres Main Canal south of Keyes Road. The pump had been chained to the TID pump house in an attempt to prevent theft. Crawford and Cox were observed leaving the area and stopped by Undersheriff Bill Heyne. Crawford and Cox were taken into custody and the pump was recovered from the bed of Crawford's pickup. Crawford was also found to be in possession of a glass pipe used for smoking controlled substances and displayed signs of recent drug use. Cox was currently on parole.

Upon entry of the guilty plea, the Honorable Nancy Ashley sentenced Cox to two years in state prison. Crawford was referred to Drug Court.

The Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office and the Stanislaus County District Attorney's Office continue proactive efforts to combat rural and agriculture related crimes.

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