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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Vincent William Grant-Thief
Sentenced to 6 years in prison

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Vincent William Grant, age 47, of Modesto, was convicted of Petty Theft with Prior Theft Convictions after a hearing on May 8, 2009. Deputy District Attorney Abel C.K. Hung prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events that occurred on October 11, 2008, when Grant walked into a SaveMart supermarket on Paradise Road in Modesto. Loss Prevention Officers (LPO) watched Grant conceal several deoderant items on his person. Grant also selected some meat products and proceeded to a check stand. At the check stand, the defendant was unable to pay for the meat products because he had no money. Grant then proceeded to leave the store without making any attempt to pay for the still concealed items. The LPOs detained Grant and called the Modesto Police Department for assistance. Grant was on active parole for a prior felony theft conviction that occurred in 2001. Grant had also previously been convicted of two robberies back in 1994 that qualified as convictions under California's "Three Strikes" law. Additionally, Grant had served two prior prison terms.

Upon receiving the plea, the Honorable Donald E. Shaver sentenced Grant to six years in state prison.

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