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**PRESS RELEASE**

**For Immediate Release**

Date: November 3, 2008  
Re: Thomas David Cummings-  
Thief Sentenced to Two Years  
In State Prison

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Thomas David Cummings, age 29, a transient from the State of Oregon, entered a plea of guilty to Second Degree Burglary on November 3, 2008. Deputy District Attorney Brad Nix prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events that occurred on October 16, 2008, when the defendant entered Sam's Food Store in Oakdale with his co-defendant and each took a bottle of Canadian Mist worth over \$17.00 and left without paying. After being caught, the defendant admitted that someone had paid him to enter the store and steal the bottle of liquor.

The defendant was previously convicted of Possession of a Controlled Substance on January 17, 2007, and was placed on probation and received deferred judgment in order to participate in a drug rehabilitation program. The defendant admitted he violated the terms of his probation by failing to report to the Probation Office, failing to submit to drug testing and failing to participate in counseling.

Upon the entry of the plea and admission to the violation of probation, the Honorable Nancy Ashley sentenced the defendant to a total of two years in state prison.

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