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Re: People vs. Joe Owen Ellis, Jr.

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Joe Owen Ellis, Jr., age 35 of Merced, was sentenced after pleading guilty on September 30, 2008 to the felony charges of burglary and possession of stolen property. Deputy District Attorney Nathan Baker prosecuted the case for the People.

Ellis was involved in manufacturing and passing fraudulent payroll checks, primarily in Save Mart stores throughout the county. The case was investigated by the Turlock Police Department and a Save Mart loss prevention investigator. Ellis has several prior convictions for fraud and theft offenses. He was sentenced to 4 years, 8 months in prison and was ordered to pay restitution for all of the passed checks.

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