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Date: December 5, 2008 Re: Deanna Naylor – Petty Theft With

Priors Nets 5 Years in Prison

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that the Honorable Thomas Zeff sentenced Deanna Naylor, 41, of Modesto, to 5 years in state prison. This was as a result of a plea agreement reached between Naylor and the Stanislaus County District Attorney's Office. Naylor pled "guilty" to the crime of "committing petty theft with a prior conviction for theft." The sentence of 5 years was based upon 2 years for the offense, doubled because she had a prior serious "strike" conviction, and a year added due to a prior commitment to state prison.

The charges stem from an incident that occurred at K-Mart on July 15th, 2007 when Naylor stole a bottle of perfume and a pair of pants. After her arrest, Naylor admitted the theft. Naylor was prosecuted under California's recidivist statute commonly referred to as the "Three Strikes" law and will have to serve out at least 80% of her 5 year sentence before release on parole.

Deputy District Attorney Robert J. Taro prosecuted the case on behalf of the People of the State of California. Though facing a "life" sentence under the 3 Strikes law due to her multiple prior serious felony convictions, the office of the District Attorney elected to extend the 5 year offer in the interest of justice.

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