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**PRESS RELEASE**

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Re: Michael Dean Cooley – burglar receives  
4 years in state prison

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**Modesto, California** - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Michael Cooley, 51, of Turlock, was sentenced by the Honorable Nancy Ashley to four years in state prison following a conviction for commercial Burglary. Cooley had one prior conviction for residential burglary—a “strike” offense under California’s “Three Strikes” law.

Cooley was convicted by plea on September 8, 2008 for an incident occurring on May 10, 2006 when Cooley was caught by a store employee as Cooley was exiting the back door of Tractor Supply Store in Turlock. Cooley had three packages of merchandise, the store was closed, and the alarm was going off. Additional stolen items were found in a shopping cart outside of the business.

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