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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Lilia Fernandez – 16 months
State Prison for Grand Theft

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Lilia Fernandez, age 33 of Stockton, was convicted on August 12, 2009 and sentenced October 15, 2009 for grand theft. Deputy District Attorney Randy Fischer prosecuted the case for the People.

Between November 2006 and May 2007, Fernandez was part of an organized shoplifting crew that targeted Safeway Stores in this county and the Bay Area. The team of five would work in tandem to steal products from stores that they could re-sell at local flea markets. Fernandez was the last of the five to plead and be sentenced. She was arrested in June 2009.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable Donald Shaver sentenced Fernandez to sixteen months in state prison.

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