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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Robert Griffis – Theft Conviction
Nets 5 Years in State Prison

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Robert Griffis, age 40, of Oakdale, was convicted of Petty Theft with a Prior and admitted having been previously convicted of a felony which falls under California's Three Strikes Law and admitted to having served a prior term in state prison. Deputy District Attorney Sharon Lizardo prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of an event which occurred on January 24, 2009 in the city of Turlock. Griffis failed to pay cab fare in the amount of \$350.00. Griffis's prior convictions were for Assault with Serious Bodily Injury and Evading a Peace Officer.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable Ricardo Cordova sentenced Griffis to five years in the state prison.

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