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PRESS RELEASE

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Identity Thief Sentenced to 2 Years Prison

Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Victoria Elaine Pearson, age 42, of Modesto, was found to be in violation of her probation for failing to report to the Probation Department and failing to report her change of address. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

The case stems from events that occurred between April 23- April 28, 2004 when Pearson opened up a Discover Card account using the victim's information and then cashed some Discover Card courtesy checks at the Money Mart in Ceres. She was convicted, sentenced to 365 days in jail and placed on three years of felony probation. Since that time, Pearson has failed to report as ordered to the Probation Department and absconded to Arizona without the permission of her probation officer. A bench warrant for her arrest on the violation of probation has been outstanding for two years.

Upon entry of the admission, the Honorable Nancy Ashley sentenced Pearson to two years in state prison. This is Pearson's first commitment to prison.