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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Michele Rene Williams
Auto Thief/Burglar Receives 2 Years Prison

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Michele Rene Williams, age 43, of Turlock, pled guilty to theft of a 2007 Toyota Solara, possession of fake checks, commercial burglary, and admitted a violation of probation in a prior felony case. Williams was on probation for possession of a forged check when she committed the current offenses. Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

On June 1, 2008, Hertz Rental Cars reported as stolen a black 2007 Toyota Solara which Williams failed to return.

On July 1, 2008, Williams entered Save Mart and tried to make a purchase using a fraudulent check and driver's license. Williams ran out of the store when the store managers were examining the fake check.

On August 5, 2008, Modesto police officers arrested Williams on an arrest warrant and discovered more fraudulent checks in her possession.

The Honorable John Whiteside sentenced Williams to two years in state prison.