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Re: Amanda Mae Watson #1464130, 1468659 Phone: (209) 525-5550

Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Amanda Mae Watson, age 35 of Modesto, was convicted on January 23, 2015 of Vehicle Theft and Second Degree Burglary in two separate incidences. Watson was also convicted in a third case of Possession of a Controlled Substance in Jail. In addition, Watson admitted having served a prior prison term. Deputy District Attorney Tracy Roland prosecuted the case for the People.

On June 16, 2013, Watson entered a building with the intent to steal. Later that day, the registered owners of a 1984 blue GMC truck were returning home when they observed their truck being driven by Watson. The owners confronted Watson who stated that she had just purchased the truck. Watson then fled. Prints taken from the property inside the truck matched Watson's prints. On January 14, 2014, while in custody at the Stanislaus County jail, custodial deputies located methamphetamine and mirtazapine in Watson's clothing.

Judge Nancy Ashley sentenced Watson to 3 years and 8 months in state prison.