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**REDDING WOMAN RECEIVES NINE YEARS IN STATE PRISON
FOR FORGERY, GRAND THEFT AND BAD CHECKS**

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Yesterday, a Redding woman was sentenced to nine years in State Prison following her conviction for charges of Forgery, Grand Theft, Fraudulent Use of Another's Social Security Number, Non-Sufficient Funds Checks and Failure to Appear in Court. Judge Anthony A. Anderson sentenced Armis Demaris McDaniels, 37, after she pled guilty to the charges in October.

The case began after numerous bounced checks were received by the Shasta County Bad Check Unit, which had been written by McDaniels to various Shasta County businesses. McDaniels had multiple checking accounts at local banks which she opened using stolen IDs and Social Security Numbers. Her own Social Security number was flagged due to prior bank accounts being closed for repeated overdrafts. McDaniels was initially arrested in 2006 and pled guilty to some of the charges in early 2007. She then faked a pregnancy and was released from the Shasta County Jail. She failed to appear in court for her original sentencing date, and then went on to open additional fraudulent bank accounts and pass more bad checks. One of the fraudulent accounts was opened in McDaniels' sister's name. McDaniels was eventually arrested in Siskiyou County, where she had written more fraudulent checks. At the time of the arrest, McDaniels presented an ID belonging to her sister in an attempt to avoid being arrested on her warrants. McDaniels had previously served time in prison for Elder Abuse, Forgery and Writing Non-Sufficient Funds checks.

The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Erin M. Dervin, and investigated by Redding Police Investigator Rob Wilson, and the District Attorney's Bad Check Unit.