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**PRESS RELEASE**

**SHASTA LAKE CITY WOMAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR IDENTITY THEFT,  
COUNTERFEIT CHECKS**

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Today, Georgette Yvonne Powers of Shasta Lake City was sentenced to eight years in prison following her conviction for charges of Identity Theft and Passing Counterfeit Checks. Judge James Ruggiero sentenced Powers, 45, after rejecting her request to be placed in a drug-treatment facility.

The convictions stemmed from Powers' scheme to counterfeit and pass personal checks at numerous Shasta County businesses, using the names and account numbers of a Redding woman. For weeks, Powers impersonated the woman in order to obtain goods and services from restaurants, grocery and other retail stores. Due to sophisticated surveillance equipment at the various businesses, Powers was identified as the perpetrator. Powers also opened an account at Tri-Counties Bank with a counterfeit check as the initial deposit money.

The aggregate total loss to the businesses was over \$9,000.00.

Powers has prior convictions for Identity Theft, Forgery and Possession of Methamphetamine. The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Erin M. Dervin, and investigated by the Redding Police Department Investigator Rob Wilson.