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CHICO MAN CHARGED WITH THREE COUNTS OF GRAND THEFT IS SENTENCED TO FOUR YEARS IN STATE PRISON

48 year old Bruce Harmon Goodrich was charged with three counts of Grand Theft of personal property pleading Guilty to the three counts on December 14, 2009 in Butte County Superior Court, and stipulating to an upper term sentence in State Prison. Mr. Goodrich was sentenced today to the upper term of four years and four months in state prison.

Mr. Ramsey stated this was the conclusion of a case for his Consumer Protection Unit Investigator who indicated Mr. Goodrich may have been involved in numerous other thefts. The Chico man had been arrested by law enforcement for placing his mother's vehicle license plates on his Cadillac Escalade to avoid paying for the registration fees. Mr. Ramsey said his investigator was contacted by Mr. Goodrich's fiancée, her family and friends when they attempted to obtain bail for Mr. Goodrich who they knew as Bruce LaSalle. They became suspicious and found out he had been deceiving them by entering into fraudulent agreements with them for money under the assumed name of Bruce LaSalle for a combined total of over \$53, 500.00.

Mr. Ramsey said these crimes are devastating to not only the victims' but the community at large. He wants anyone who may have information or who may have been victimized by either Bruce Goodrich or Bruce LaSalle to contact Investigator Jos Van Hout at the Butte County District Attorney's Office, Consumer Protection Unit.