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**PRUNEDALE WOMAN PLEADS TO FOUR COUNTS  
OF VEHICLE THEFT**

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Holly Ann Foster, age 35, a resident of Prunedale, was sentenced by Judge Pamela Butler to three years felony probation following her no contest pleas to four counts of vehicle theft. As part of the terms of her probation Foster was ordered to serve 365 days in county jail and to attend and complete a drug recovery program.

On January 27, 2016, Salinas police stopped Foster who drove a stolen car that had a broken steering column with a t-shirt wrapped around it. On March 20, 2016, Salinas police arrested Foster at a gas station for possession of a different stolen car. Foster had a shaved key inside her purse. On March 27, 2016, an investigation into another stolen car led to Foster. In this instance, she was observed inside the car while parked at a motel. She was told to leave the premises by the manager; however, she returned to the hotel the next day in possession of the same car and was subsequently arrested. On April 13, 2016, Salinas police were called to conduct a welfare check of a woman passed out in the driver's seat of a car. After refusing to open the car door for a lengthy period of time, police investigation revealed that Foster was in a stolen car.

Vehicle theft is widespread in Monterey County. The District Attorney's Office-Economic Vehicle Theft Unit works in conjunction with the Monterey County Sheriff's Department Multi-Agency Detail for Commercial Auto Theft (MADCAT) in investigating and deterring vehicle theft throughout the County. Members of the public having information about possible vehicle theft are encouraged to report what they know to DA Investigator Maribel Torres-Hart at 831-883-7588 or District Attorney's Office Fraud Hotline at 831-755-3224, or CHP Detective Chuck Rodriguez at 831-755-3818 or MCSO Detective Arras Wilson at 831-755-7279.

These cases were investigated by Salinas Police Officers Steven Hoyte, Edwin Cruz, Daniel Garcia, Guadalupe Gonzalez, Carlo Calupad and Tyler Provost.

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