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# **WOMAN SENTENCED TO 36 YEARS IN PRISON ON IDENTITY THEFT CASE**

FRESNO, CA – Fresno County District Attorney Elizabeth A. Egan announced Tuesday, August 19, 2008, that in a case prosecuted by the Fresno County District Attorney's Office Identity Theft Unit, defendant Gloria Gittens, 42, was sentenced by Fresno County Superior Court Judge Rosendo Pena to 36 years in prison for committing 99 felony counts including identity theft, home burglary, grand theft, and receiving stolen property.

This case involved the defendant going into unlocked vehicles and stealing purses, backpacks and wallets. The defendant also went into four homes and stole property. Gittens would take credit cards and checks and go shopping with them using the victim's identity. She committed these crimes between November 2006 and July 2007.

Both the Fresno Police Department and the Fresno County District Attorney's Office executed search warrants at three storage units where the defendant stored voluminous amounts of stolen property. After spending months trying to locate the true owners of the property, 44 victims were identified.

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