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**VISALIA WOMAN SENTENCED TO JAIL FOR EIGHTH THEFT
CONVICTION**

On September 22, 2017, in Department 14 of the Tulare County Superior Court, Visalia Division, Judge Gary Johnson sentenced Tyree Bonner, age 37, of Visalia, to 150 days in jail for theft. On September 15, 2017, a Tulare County jury found Bonner guilty of petty theft and giving false information to a police officer. Both counts are misdemeanors.

Bonner has seven additional theft and burglary convictions starting in 2001, as well as other convictions for DUI and possession of controlled substances.

On May 13, 2017, Visalia Police Department officers responded to the Visalia Macy's department store where Bonner had been detained for shoplifting over \$200 worth of clothing and cosmetics. When asked by officers for her name, Bonner gave false identification.

"The defendant in this case could have been sent to prison, but in 2011 the California Legislature reduced incarceration for petty theft with multiple prior convictions to local jail and in 2014 Proposition 47 made them misdemeanors," said Assistant District Attorney Dave Alavezos.

The case was prosecuted by Deputy District Attorney Tomi Oduyemi and investigated by the Visalia Police Department.

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