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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Robert Trujillo, age 27, of Modesto pled guilty on March 17, 2008 to three counts of auto theft and on June 18, 2008 pled guilty to two counts of auto theft and one count of possession of methamphetamine. He was sentenced by the Honorable Hurl Johnson to eight years and four months in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case.

The cases arose out of the following incidences:

On January 25, 2008 in Riverbank, the defendant was driving a stolen white 2000 Honda Civic. At the time, the defendant claimed a friend loaned him the car and he did not know it was stolen.

On February 2, 2008 in Riverbank, the defendant was inside a parked stolen green 1998 Honda Civic. At the time, the defendant claimed a friend loaned him the car and he did not know it was stolen.

On February 13, 2008 in Modesto, the defendant was driving a stolen silver 1997 Honda Accord. At the time, the defendant claimed a friend loaned him the car and he did not know it was stolen.

On April 4, 2008 in Riverbank, the defendant possessed .01 grams of methamphetamine inside a pipe in his jacket pocket.

On April 16, 2008 in Modesto, a stolen silver 1998 Honda Civic was recovered with the defendant's fingerprint on one of the CD cases inside the car.

On April 21, 2008 in Modesto, the defendant was driving a stolen red 1997 Honda Civic in the area of McHenry and Briggsmore Avenues. The defendant then disregarded the red lights and sirens of Modesto Police Department and Sheriff Department patrol cars when he sped through

several stop signs, red traffic lights, and travelled on the opposite lanes of traffic in excess of 80 mph. The defendant then abandoned the car and fled on foot. He was arrested a short distance later hiding in a shed and had .34 grams of methamphetamine in his jacket pocket.

In each of these cases, the defendant's family posted his bail after his arrests. These are the defendant's first felony convictions, and first commitments to state prison.

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