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PRESS RELEASE

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Date: November 18, 2008
Re: Billy Wayne Walker -
Auto Thief Sentenced to 2 years,
8 months in prison

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Billy Wayne Walker, age 30, of Modesto, entered a plea of guilty to auto theft and admitted having a previous auto theft conviction from September 5, 2007. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events which occurred on October 9, 2008 when the defendant stole a blue 1993 Mitsubishi pick-up in Modesto which had been reported stolen that same day. The defendant claimed his friend gave him the truck and that he did not know it was stolen; however, Walker didn't know his friend's last name, address, phone number, or how to return the pick-up.

Upon the entry of the guilty plea, Walker was sentenced by the Honorable Scott Steffen to two years and eight months in state prison.

Stanislaus County residents can report suspected vehicle theft activity to their local law enforcement agency or contact the Stanislaus County Auto-Theft Task Force (STANCATT) at: (209) 545-7316.

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