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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Nicolas Ezra Half Moon Avila
Auto Thief Sentenced to Twenty-
Eight Months in Prison

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Nicolas Ezra Half Moon Avila, age 21, of Modesto, was convicted of possessing a stolen vehicle. The defendant also admitted having served a prior prison term from October 2007 in which Avila was convicted of possessing a stolen vehicle. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events which occurred on December 24, 2008 in Turlock when the defendant was in possession a stolen 1988 GMC pick-up. Upon entry of the guilty plea, the Honorable Steffen sentenced Avila to twenty 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.

IF YOU OBSERVE A THEFT IN PROGRESS, DIAL 911

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