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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: RAYMOND LEONARDO GONZALEZ

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Auto Thief Sentenced to 8 Months Prison

Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Raymond Leonardo Gonzalez, age 38, of Venice, CA, was convicted of attempted auto theft. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events which occurred on October 31, 2008 when the defendant attempted to drive a 1989 Mitsubishi Mighty-Max pick-up which had been reported stolen on October 21, 2008 out of Modesto. When Officers approached Gonzalez, he claimed he got the car from a friend but didn't know how to contact him. Gonzalez has previously served a term in prison.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable Scott Steffen sentenced Gonzalez to 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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