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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

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Re: Emanuel Ribeiro

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Auto Thief Sentenced to 4 Years Prison

Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Emanuel Ribeiro, age 30, of Hayward, was convicted of auto theft and evading a peace officer. Ribeiro is currently on parole as a result of an auto theft conviction from May 2006 for which he served a term of imprisonment. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events that occurred on June 8, 2009 at about 7:30 p.m. in the area of Crows Landing Road and Barnhart Road in Modesto. A Sheriff's deputy observed Ribeiro driving a 2008 gray GMC Envoy SUV that had been reported stolen out of Hilmar two hours earlier. The owner had left his keys in the vehicle with the windows up and the doors unlocked while he was running errands. When the deputy tried to initiate an enforcement stop, Ribeiro accelerated to over 100 m.p.h. in a 55 m.p.h. zone and failed to stop at the posted stop signs and traffic lights at Keyes Road, Service Road and Whitmore Avenue. Ribeiro finally lost control and crashed the vehicle before he tried to run away. Ribeiro was caught two blocks away. He claimed that a friend told him to drive the SUV from Turlock to Modesto for \$100, but Ribeiro had no contact information for this friend.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable Donald Shaver sentenced Ribeiro to four years in state prison.

The District Attorney's Office urges residents to never leave keys in their unattended vehicles no matter how brief.

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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