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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Adam Santana, Jr.

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Auto Thief Sentenced to 5 Years and
4 Months Prison

Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Adam Santana, Jr., age 31, of Modesto, was sentenced after he pled guilty to possessing a stolen red 1995 Honda Accord as well as stolen credit and California identification cards. The defendant also admitted a prior auto theft conviction and a prior conviction for assault on a peace officer. The defendant had previously served a term in prison following those convictions. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events that occurred on August 28, 2007 when a routine parole search was conducted at Santana's house in Modesto. Parole officers discovered numerous stolen credit and California identification cards. In the garage, the officers located a red 1995 Honda Accord that had been reported stolen out of Patterson six days earlier.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable Nancy Ashley sentenced Santana to five years and four 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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