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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Carlos Flores
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 Carlos Flores, age 39, of Turlock, was convicted on March 8, 2010 of auto theft, evading a peace officer, and resisting arrest. Flores also admitted a prior auto theft conviction from February 2001. Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey W. Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

On February 26, 2010 at approximately 5:41 p.m., a Turlock police officer was dispatched to the Rite Aid on North Golden State Boulevard for a shoplifting suspect. When the officer arrived, the suspect, later identified as Flores, jumped into a 1989 silver Ford Thunderbird and sped off. The officer activated his red lights and siren, but Flores continued to accelerate through several intersections and ignored stop signs until he finally collided with a blue pickup truck. Flores then jumped out of the car and ran. He was caught a short distance away. Flores admitted that he stole the items from Rite Aid to sell, and that had seen the Ford Thunderbird earlier in the day with the keys in the ignition so he decided to steal it.

The Honorable John Freeland sentenced Flores to two years and eight months in state prison.

The District Attorney's Office urges citizens to not leave the keys in their unattended vehicles, no matter how briefly.

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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