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PRESS RELEASE

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Date: November 3, 2008
Re: George Patterson
Auto Thief Sent to Prison
for 3 years and 4 months

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that George Patterson, age 37, of Modesto, entered a plea of guilty to auto theft on November 3, 2008. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events which occurred on March 28, 2008 when the defendant was driving a blue 1989 Toyota pick-up which had been reported stolen the night prior out of a local smog shop. When the CHP Officer tried to pull the defendant over, the defendant jumped out of the pick-up and was soon discovered hiding inside a chicken coop.

The defendant was on probation following a conviction for Possession of Methamphetamine on September 27, 2007. The defendant had been ordered to a drug treatment program pursuant to Proposition 36. The defendant admitted a violation of probation for failing to obey all laws.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable Donald E. Shaver sentenced Patterson to three 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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