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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Jenny Lee Ritter
Auto Thief Sentenced to
16 months prison

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Jenny Lee Ritter, age 25, of Modesto, entered a plea of guilty to possession of a stolen vehicle. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events which occurred on October 8, 2008 when Ritter stole her brother's 2003 GMC 1500 pick-up truck, while Ritter's brother was in custody at the Stanislaus County jail on an unrelated offense. A witness had observed Ritter drive off in the truck. When officers contacted the defendant, she denied involvement in taking the truck, but led officers to the Amtrak station where the pick-up was located. Ritter is currently on parole for another auto theft from August 2007.

Upon the entry of the guilty plea, Ritter was sentenced by the Honorable Nancy Ashley to sixteen 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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