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Re: Dennis Francis Weston, Jr.

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Dennis Francis Weston, Jr, age 37, of Modesto, entered a plea of guilty to one count of auto theft and admitted to having served two prior prison terms on October 3, 2008. The defendant also admitted a violation of his drug treatment program pursuant to Proposition 36. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

On July 24, 2008 Weston entered a plea of guilty to possession of methamphetamine and was ordered to complete drug treatment pursuant to Proposition 36.

On September 12, 2008 Weston stole a white 2002 Ford F-150 pick-up truck. The pick-up truck had been reported stolen that morning. The defendant claimed his friend gave the truck to him, but he didn't know her last name or address.

Upon the entry of his guilty plea, Weston was sentenced by the Honorable Charles V. Stone to four years 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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