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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Mandel Haynes Phone: (209) 525-5550

Auto Thief Sentenced to 2 Years in Prison

Modesto, California Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Mandel Haynes, age 52, of Modesto, was convicted of auto theft. Haynes also admitted a prior auto theft conviction from March 2002. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events which occurred on March 24, 2009 when Haynes stole his friend's 2000 burgundy Ford Explorer while his friend was asleep.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable Nancy Ashley sentenced Haynes to two 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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