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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Jose Luis Macias

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Auto Thief Sentenced to Two years and Four
Months in Prison

Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Jose Luis Macias, age 35, of Modesto, was convicted of auto theft. The defendant also admitted having served a prior prison term in 2003 following a conviction for domestic violence. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events that occurred on January 23, 2009 in Modesto when the defendant stole his friend's 2003 green GMC Sierra. Macias admitted he stole the SUV so that he could sell the vehicle for methamphetamine.

Upon entry of the guilty plea, the Honorable Scott Steffen sentenced Macias to twenty eight 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.

IF YOU OBSERVE A THEFT IN PROGRESS, DIAL 911

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