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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Raina Christine Madrid

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Auto Thief sentenced to 2 years, 8 months CRC

Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Raina Christine Madrid, age 37, of Modesto, was convicted of possession of a stolen vehicle and possession of stolen property. Madrid is currently on probation for possession of methamphetamine from an August 2008 conviction. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events that occurred on two dates. On March 30, 2009 at around 7 p.m. in the area of Hatch Road, officers of the Stanislaus County Auto Theft Task Force (StanCATT) received a tip that Madrid had a stolen vehicle at her residence. Upon arriving at Madrid's residence, officers discovered a 1994 black Lexus ES300 that was reported stolen that morning. The officers performed a probation search. Madrid had the key to the stolen vehicle in her pocket. Madrid claimed she borrowed the car from her friend, but had no contact information for that friend. After Madrid was arrested, she bailed out of custody. When Madrid failed to show up to court, a bench warrant was issued.

On May 6, 2009, at around 4 p.m., StanCATT officers tracked down Madrid and arrested her on the bench warrant. During the arrest, StanCATT officers located in Madrid's possession \$5,700 in savings bonds, a laptop computer and jewelry that had all been taken during a residential burglary.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable Scott Steffen sentenced Madrid to two years and eight months in the California Rehabilitation Center.

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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