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Guillermo Joe Marin, Jr. - Auto Thief

Sentenced to 8 months in State Prison

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Guillermo Joe Marin Jr, age 37, of Modesto, was convicted of attempted auto theft. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events which occurred in Modesto on January 9, 2009 when the defendant attempted to steal his estranged stepson's 1994 black primer Chevy Silverado pick-up truck. Marin was previously convicted of two felonies: domestic violence and assault likely to produce great bodily injury.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable Ricardo Cordova sentenced Marin to 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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