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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Julian Nava Phone: (209) 525-5550

Auto Thief sentenced to 28 months prison

Modesto, California Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Julian Nava, age 38, of San Rafael, was convicted of possession of a stolen trailer. Nava also admitted having served a prior prison term for which he is currently on parole stemming from a conviction for evading a peace officer and resisting arrest in March 2008. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events that occurred on December 11, 2008 at around 11 p.m. when a concerned citizen called the Turlock Police Department and reported that someone was using bolt cutters to cut off a pad lock to steal a trailer near Arabian Way and Tully Road. Within minutes, officers observed Nava in his blue Chevy Blazer towing the 2000 white Pace cargo sports utility trailer. Bolt cutters were also located inside Nava's SUV.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable Timothy Salter sentenced Nava 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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