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PRESS RELEASE

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Auto Thief Sentenced to Three Years Prison

Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Orlando Rangel, age 24, of Modesto, was sentenced by the Honorable Nancy Ashley to three years in state prison after he pled guilty to auto theft and evading a peace officer. The defendant was already on parole as a result of a prior conviction for auto theft in February 2007. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

The cases arose out of two events. On May 11, 2008 in Modesto, Rangel stole a 1997 tan Chevrolet van. On May 24, 2008, Rangel was driving a stolen 1991 Honda Accord that had been reported stolen on May 15, 2008 out of Modesto. When Officers Carrico, Gutierrez, and Beavers from the Modesto Police Department activated their red lights and siren to initiate a vehicle stop, Rangel accelerated and failed to stop. Rangel jumped out of his car at the intersection of Mt. Vernon and Sky Lane and ran. Rangel was soon located hiding inside the home of another parolee a short distance away.

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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