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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Richard Dewayne Terry aka Clancy Phone: (209) 525-5550

Auto Thief Sentenced to 3 years and 8 months

prison

Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Richard Dewayne Terry aka Clancy, age 45, of Ceres, was convicted of possession of a stolen vehicle. Terry also admitted having a prior robbery conviction from September 1987, and a conviction for possession of methamphetamine from April 2007 for which Terry was then on parole. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events that occurred on May 10, 2009 at around 11:00 p.m. in the area of Fowler Road and Mitchell Road in Ceres. An officer from the Ceres Police Department observed Terry driving a 1983 white Datsun pickup truck. A routine license plate check revealed that the vehicle was reported stolen on April 17, 2009 out of Ceres and a traffic stop was conducted. Terry initially claimed he bought the truck for \$200, but then changed his story and claimed he traded a compressor and generator for it. However, Terry had no contact information for the person from whom he received the truck, nor any registration or insurance for the vehicle.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable Nancy Ashley sentenced Terry to three years and 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.

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