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Defendant sentenced to 2 years in state

prison for theft.

Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Roberto Torres, age 27, of Denair, was convicted on August 3, 2009 of grand theft. The defendant had previously served a term in state prison. Deputy District Attorney Wendell Emerson prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events that occurred on June 25, 2009. On that date, Torres stole a "bait" generator being tracked by members of the Stanislaus Country Sheriff's Department. The generator had been placed at a construction site. Torres was apprehended minutes after the theft.

Upon the entry of the guilty plea, the Honorable Thomas Zeff sentenced Torres to two years in state prison.