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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

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Re: Gabino Solis Padilla
Auto Thief Sentenced
To 3 Years

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Gabino Solis Padilla, age 30, of Modesto, was convicted on March 22, 2010 of possession of a stolen vehicle and possession of methamphetamine. **Padilla was already on parole from** a February 10, 2009 conviction for commercial burglary. Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey W. Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

On March 6, 2010 at approximately 10:00 a.m. in the area of Rio Grande Avenue in Modesto, officers received a tip that Padilla was stripping a 1995 white Honda Civic. When officers arrived, they found Padilla near the stolen vehicle that was being dismantled. In Padilla's backpack, officers located a jack, lug wrench, and stereo that all came from the stolen Honda Civic. Padilla also possessed a plastic baggie that contained methamphetamine.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable Ricardo Cordova sentenced Padilla to three years 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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