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**PRESS RELEASE**

**For Immediate Release**

Date: December 8, 2008  
Re: Paul Frederick Davis  
Auto Thief Sentenced to 4 years  
Prison

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Paul Frederick Davis, age 47, of Modesto, was convicted of auto theft. The defendant also admitted a prior prison commitment for auto theft from February 2005 for which he was on parole. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events which occurred on November 27, 2008 in Turlock when a California Highway Patrol officer made a stop on a truck that had been reported stolen out of Hughson on October 28, 2008. Davis, who was driving the truck, claimed a friend gave him the truck and that he did not know it was stolen.

Upon the entry of a guilty plea, Davis was sentenced by the Honorable Donald Shaver to four 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.

**IF YOU OBSERVE A THEFT IN PROGRESS, DIAL 911**

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