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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

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Re: Shane Michael Falkenberg

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Thief sentenced to 2 years prison

Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Shane Michael Falkenberg, age 28, of Salida, was convicted of burglary. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events that occurred on May 8, 2009 at approximately 6:30 p.m. in the parking lot of the El Rosal restaurant in Turlock, when Falkenberg broke into a 2007 black Cadillac Escalade that was parked and stole a purse that had been left inside. Falkenberg then retrieved the victim's driver's license and house key from inside the purse. Falkenberg was observed leaving the victim's residence in Denair when the victim returned home.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable John Freeland sentenced Falkenberg to two years in the California Rehabilitation Center.

The District Attorney's Office encourages citizens not to leave purses or valuables inside unattended vehicles.

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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