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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

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Re: Ryan Brandon Gains aka Bailey

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Thief sentenced to 2 years, 8 months in prison

Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Ryan Brandon Gains aka Bailey, age 28, of Modesto, was convicted of possession of stolen property. Gains also admitted a February 2002 residential burglary conviction, a “strike” under California’s “Three Strikes” law. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events that occurred on September 10, 2009 at around 7:00 a.m. when officers from the Stanislaus County Auto Theft Task Force (StanCATT) were investigating the theft of a 2004 white Ford F-250 cargo van that had been taken from the Motel 6 parking lot on Orangeburg Avenue in Modesto. According to the owner, the van contained approximately \$10,000 worth of beef jerky. A couple of hours later, the officers found the abandoned van, but its cargo was missing. As the officers were investigating the scene, they observed a gray van parked in front of Mo’s Cigarette and Gift Store on Carver Road. The rear doors to the van were open and the boxes of beef jerky were in the back. Gains was standing next to his van’s open rear doors and had been trying to sell the \$10,000 worth of beef jerky from the back of his van. Gains had served three prior prison terms.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable Scott Steffen sentenced Gains to two 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.

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

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