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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Todd Justin Green -

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Thief Sentenced to 3 Years and 8 Months
in Prison

Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Todd Justin Green, age 34, of Salida, was convicted of possession of stolen property and commercial burglary. Green is currently on parole for commercial burglary stemming from an April 2007 conviction. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events that occurred on two dates. On August 12, 2009, Green went to the Oakdale Auto Wreckers and sold a set of wheels, running boards, mirrors, a stainless steel toolbox, and two rear doors from a 2008 white Ford F-350 pickup truck that was reported stolen on August 3, 2009 out of Manteca. Green claimed to officers from the Stanislaus County Auto Theft Task Force (StanCATT) that a friend gave him the parts to sell. After being arrested, Green made bail and was released from custody.

On September 12, 2009 at approximately 6:00 a.m., officers were dispatched to Village Market Liquors on Earl Street in Modesto to investigate the theft of an ATM machine from inside the business. The front window had been smashed and torn down. A review of the security footage revealed that Green arrived in a U-Haul truck and backed it up to the business. Green smashed the front window and entered the store. He then attached a metal chain from the truck to the ATM machine and pulled it out, loaded it into the truck and drove away. When officers located Green a few weeks later, he claimed that he took the ATM machine but that his friend pried it open and spent all the cash after gambling at a casino.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable Timothy Salter sentenced Green to three 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.

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