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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

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Re: Robert Mando

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Auto Thief Sentenced to 30 Months Prison

**Modesto, California** – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Robert Mando, age 39, of Modesto, was convicted of attempted auto theft. Mando also admitted that he had a prior prison commitment from June 2005 following an auto theft conviction for which he was still on parole. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events that occurred on June 27, 2008 at approximately 11 p.m. at the Valero Gas Station on Coffee Road in Modesto. The defendant attempted to steal a 2001 black Mercedes S55 AMG.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable Nancy Ashley sentenced Mando to thirty 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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