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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

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Re: Marc Anthony Perry Ortiz

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Auto Thief Sentenced to 2 Years in State Prison

Modesto, California Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Marc Anthony Perry Ortiz, age 41, of Salida, was convicted of auto theft on September 29, 2009 Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events that occurred on September 17, 2009 at approximately 9:30 a.m. on southbound Highway 99 north of the Whitmore Avenue exit in Ceres. Officers from the Stanislaus County Auto-Theft Task Force (STANCATT) observed Ortiz driving a 2006 red Dodge Stratus that had been reported stolen out of Modesto on September 15, 2009. Ortiz claimed that he got the car from a friend to go to the welfare office but had no contact information for this friend.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable Nancy Ashley sentenced Ortiz to two 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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