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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

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Re: Robert Dean Perdue - Auto Thief Sentenced

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to Five Years in California Rehabilitation Center

**Modesto, California** – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Robert Dean Perdue, age 32, of Modesto, was sentenced today to five years at the California Rehabilitation Center by the Honorable Marie Silveira. Perdue had been convicted of possession of a stolen trailer, evading a peace officer and resisting arrest on November 13, 2008 and had admitted having two prior prison terms for possession of methamphetamine in December 1995 and in April 2002. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events which occurred in Modesto on February 12, 2008 when the defendant attached a stolen 2007 green trailer to his Chevy pick-up and drove off. When Modesto Police Officer Steven Davis tried to perform a traffic stop, Perdue accelerated to over 70 mph in a 35 mph zone. At one point, Perdue slowed down to approximately 5 mph and jumped out of his moving truck and ran. His truck and attached trailer crashed into the light pole by Interfaith Ministries on Kerr Rd. Perdue was caught a few minutes later.

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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