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**PRESS RELEASE**

**For Immediate Release**

Date: January 20, 2009  
Re: Michael Phan  
Auto Thief Sentenced to 28 Months  
Prison

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**Modesto, California** – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Michael Phan, age 31, of Modesto, was convicted of auto theft on January 20, 2009. Phan also admitted a prison prior from March 2006 in which Phan was convicted of commercial burglary and possession of stolen property. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events which occurred on January 9, 2009 in Modesto when the defendant stole a 2007 Nissan Quest van.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable Donald E. Shaver sentenced Phan to twenty-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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