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**PRESS RELEASE**

**For Immediate Release**

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Re: Sean Smith—Burglary attempt leads to  
prison

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**Modesto, California** - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Sean Smith, age 20, of Modesto entered a plea of no contest on July 10, 2009 to one count of attempted burglary and further admitted a prior conviction for a serious felony. Deputy District Attorney John Baker prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events that occurred on December 9, 2008 in the La Loma area of Modesto. Smith attempted to break into a residential home but was caught in the act by an alert employee of the Department of Motor Vehicles. This employee was conducting a driving test in the area of the attempted break in. He contacted police with his observations and Smith was apprehended a short while later.

Smith will be sentenced to four years in state prison at his sentencing hearing on August 10, 2009. The current crime and his prior record will make him a candidate for a potential life sentence should he commit any future felonies under California's "Three Strikes" law.

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