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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

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Re: Andrew Robert Soares
Auto Thief Sentenced to
2 Years, 4 Months Prison

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Andrew Robert Soares, age 30, of Yuba City, CA, was convicted of auto theft. The defendant also admitted a prior prison commitment for manufacturing methamphetamine from June 2004 and for which he is currently on parole. Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey W. Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events which occurred in Turlock on February 21, 2009 when the defendant was driving a 1993 black Honda Accord which had been reported stolen on January 17, 2009 out of Turlock. After a traffic stop, the defendant claimed he got the car from a friend but had no contact information for his friend.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable John Freeland sentenced Soares to two years and four 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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