



OFFICE OF THE
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Stanislaus County
832 12th Street, Suite 300
Modesto, CA 95354
Mailing address: POB 442, Modesto, CA 95353
Telephone: (209) 525-5550 Fax: (209) 525-5545

Birgit Fladager
District Attorney
Carol Shipley
Assistant District Attorney
Chief Deputy District Attorneys
Jerry Begen
Alan Cassidy
Dave Harris

PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

Date: October 26, 2009
Re: Gary Dean Tackett, Jr.,
Thief sentenced to 2 years and
4 months in prison

For More Information Contact:

Carol Shipley, Assistant District Attorney
Phone: (209) 525-5550

Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Gary Dean Tackett, Jr., age 35, of Modesto, was convicted of theft having prior theft convictions, and admitted having served one prior prison term. Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey M. Laugero prosecuted the case for the People.

On January 27, 2009 at approximately 3:00 a.m., Modesto Police Officer Larry Meyer saw a car parked sideways next to a truck that was parked at the airport. As he approached the vehicles, Officer Meyer saw Tackett get into the driver's seat of the car, close the door and drive away from the truck without the headlights on. Officer Meyer saw a gas can on the ground next to the truck. A hose was coming out of the truck's gas tank into the gas can. The gas can was overflowing with gas running onto the ground. Officer Meyer stopped Tackett as he attempted to leave the area, and Tackett was subsequently arrested for theft of gasoline. Tackett has prior theft-related convictions and has served two prior prison terms.

Upon entry of the guilty plea, the Honorable Nancy Ashley sentenced Tackett to 2 years and 4 months in state prison.

###