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PRESS RELEASE

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Auto Thief Sentenced to 16 Months in Prison

Modesto, California Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Noel Valdovinos, age 32, of Modesto was convicted of auto theft. Valdovinos was already on probation for commercial burglary stemming from an April 2007 conviction. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events that occurred on September 8, 2009 at approximately 10:00 p.m. in the area of Herndon Road in Ceres. Officers observed Valdovinos pumping gas into a 1996 green Chevy pick-up that had been reported stolen from the Cardoso Dairy in Delhi just four hours earlier.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable Terry K. Cole sentenced Valdovinos to sixteen 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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