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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

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Re: Julio Adrian Duran  
Auto Thief Gets  
2 Years Prison

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Julio Adrian Duran, age 26, of Patterson, was convicted on November 29, 2010 of auto theft, evading a peace officer, and possession of methamphetamine. Duran also admitted a prior auto theft conviction from June 2010 for which he is still on probation. Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey W. Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

On August 11, 2010 at about 3:00 a.m., a deputy was dispatched to a vehicle theft in progress in the area of Jersey Lane and New Forest Way in Patterson. Within minutes, the deputy arrived and observed Duran driving the recently stolen 1999 black Honda Civic. When the deputy activated his red lights and siren to initiate a traffic stop, Duran accelerated away at over 80 m.p.h. in a 35 m.p.h. zone, ignoring several stop signs and red traffic signals. Duran then drove into an almond orchard, jumped out of the car, and fled but was tracked down by the deputy's canine, Gizmo. Inside Duran's pocket, the deputy located a small baggie of methamphetamine.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable Marie Silveira sentenced Duran to two years 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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