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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Daniel Delaine Gooch
Auto Thief Sentenced to
5 Years Prison

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Daniel Delaine Gooch, age 33, of Modesto, was convicted on May 6, 2010 of four counts of auto theft and admitted a prior auto theft conviction from May 2000. Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey W. Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

Between October 3rd and 5th, 2009, Gooch stole a 2007 white Mitsubishi FE14 truck from the Enterprise Rent-A-Car located on Sisk Road and Greenleaf Circle in Modesto.

On October 13, 2009 in the McDonald's parking lot at 9th Street and J Street in Modesto, Gooch stole a 2008 International Budget Rent-A-Truck.

Between October 26th and 27th, 2009 at the At Home Furniture Store parking lot on Sisk Road in Modesto, Gooch stole a 1998 white Ford F-350 truck.

On November 8, 2009 at around 12:30 a.m., an officer from the Stanislaus County Auto-Theft Task Force (STANCATT) observed a 1999 orange Freight tractor semi-truck that was parked in the Wendy's Restaurant parking lot on McHenry Avenue in Modesto. The vehicle had been reported stolen the day before out of Ceres. The officer observed Gooch drive off in the truck and then performed a traffic stop to arrest him.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable Timothy Salter sentenced Gooch to five 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.

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