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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

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Re: Andrew Michael Maestas
Assault Gets 4 Years

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Andrew Michael Maestas, age 19, of Modesto, was convicted on May 18, 2010 of felony assault. Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey W. Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

On August 28, 2009 at around 5:30 p.m. in the parking lot of the Save-Mart shopping center on Oakdale Road in Modesto, Maestas pushed a woman down onto the ground and tried to take the keys to her 2008 white Cadillac. The victim was able to hold onto her keys before Maestas ran away as people were running to aid her. Maestas did not take any property and the victim was not injured. Maestas then ran to a friend's house where he changed out of his clothes. However, officers were able to locate Maestas based on eyewitnesses who pointed out Maestas's direction of travel.

Maestas was sentenced by the Honorable Thomas Zeff to the aggravated term of four years in 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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