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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

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Re: David Neil Brier  
Auto Thief Gets  
4 Years Prison

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that David Neil Brier, age 47, of Escalon was convicted on April 29, 2011 of auto theft and driving under the influence of alcohol. Brier also admitted a prior conviction for auto theft from November 2003 out of San Joaquin County, and commercial burglary from October 2004 out of San Joaquin County. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

On September 2, 2010 at approximately 8:00 p.m., an Oakdale police officer was dispatched to E. “F” Street and N. Maag Avenue in Oakdale after a concerned citizen reported that a 1988 burgundy red Ford Ranger pick-up truck was driving in the wrong direction of a drive-thru at Del Taco restaurant. When the officer arrived, he observed Brier driving with no headlights on and driving 30 m.p.h. in the restaurant parking lot. After performing a traffic stop, the officer observed damage to the ignition of the truck. The officer also discovered that the truck had been reported stolen earlier that day out of the owner’s driveway in Manteca. Brier had an odor of alcohol on his breath and displayed symptoms of being under the influence of alcohol. A blood test was performed on Brier and his blood alcohol level was .08%.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable John Freeland sentenced Brier to four 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**