



OFFICE OF THE
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Stanislaus County

832 12th Street, Suite 300
Modesto, CA 95354

Mailing: P. O. Box 442, Modesto, CA 95353
Phone: (209) 525-5550 Fax: (209) 525-5545

Birgit Fladager
District Attorney

Carol Shipley
Assistant District Attorney

Chief Deputy District Attorneys

Jerry Begen

Alan Cassidy

Dave Harris

PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

Contact: Carol Shipley

Date: February 7, 2011

Assistant District Attorney

Re: Paul Abraham Elmaguid

Phone: (209) 525-5550

Auto Thief Gets 4 Years Prison

Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Paul Abraham Elmaguid, age 23, of Hayward, was convicted on February 7, 2011 of auto theft and evading a peace officer. Elmaguid also admitted a prior auto theft conviction from March 2009 for which he is currently on parole. Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey W. Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

On August 23, 2010 at approximately noon, Elmaguid stole a 2008 white Ford Edge SUV from Heritage Ford on Sisk Road in Modesto. Within minutes, an officer from the Stanislaus County Auto-Theft Task Force (StanCATT) spotted Elmaguid and activated his lights and siren to perform a traffic stop. Elmaguid accelerated away and failed to stop at several red traffic signals. Finally, Elmaguid stopped the vehicle and ran but was caught a short distance away. After being arrested, Elmaguid stated that he was just released from prison two days earlier and needed a car so he stole one.

The Honorable Marie Silveira sentenced Elmaguid 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

###