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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

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Re: Juan Gabriel Orozco  
Auto Thief Gets  
4 Years Prison

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Juan Gabriel Orozco, age 34, of Ceres, was convicted on January 26, 2011 of auto theft. Orozco is currently on parole for attempted auto theft stemming from a May 2009 conviction and possession of methamphetamine from a September 2007 conviction. Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey W. Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

On January 18, 2011 at approximately 8:00 p.m. in the area of N. Golden State Boulevard in Turlock, an officer from the Stanislaus County Auto-Theft Task Force (StanCATT) observed Orozco driving a 1992 grey Chevrolet Silverado pick-up truck. The vehicle had been reported stolen on January 16, 2011 from a garage on Bing Lane in Ceres. After the officer activated his lights and siren to perform a traffic stop, Orozco tried to accelerate away but lost control of the truck, ran off the road and struck a tree. Orozco then jumped out of the vehicle and ran, but tripped on a pothole and was caught a short distance away.

The Honorable Marie Silveira sentenced Orozco 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**

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