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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Jorge Arias
Attempted Auto Thief Sentenced to
8 months in prison

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Jorge Arias, age 38, of Modesto, was convicted of attempted auto theft. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events which occurred on August 17, 2008 when officers received a call from a concerned neighbor that Arias was attempting to steal a 1990 Chevrolet Silverado in Modesto. When Officers arrived, Arias was located nearby the truck that had damage to the steering column.

Upon the entry of a guilty plea, Arias was sentenced by the Honorable Scott Steffen to eight months in state prison. The defendant was already on parole for auto theft stemming from an August 2005 conviction.

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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