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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

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Re: Andrew Douglas Ball

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Andrew Douglas Ball, age 22, of Modesto, entered guilty pleas on October 2, 2008 to one count of second degree burglary, three counts of vehicle theft, one count of evading a peace officer and one count of resisting arrest. Ball has no previous criminal history. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

The second degree burglary arose out of events which occurred on November 21, 2007 when the defendant and his friends entered the Extreme Paintball business located on Dusty Lane in Modesto after it was closed and stole several thousand dollars worth of paintball equipment. A tip led the police to Ball's residence where most of the stolen property was recovered.

On January 28, 2008, Ball stole a Ford F-150 pick-up truck that belonged to the parents of his ex-girlfriend. The defendant's ex-girlfriend suspected that Ball was responsible for the theft. The truck was recovered the next day parked across the street from Ball's residence.

On February 29, 2008, Ball stole a 2004 blue Chevy 2500 crew cab pick-up from Bradley Auto Sales located on Yosemite Avenue in Oakdale. A tip led the police to question Ball's friends to whom Ball had bragged about stealing the pick-up. The pick-up truck was recovered abandoned the next day in Riverbank.

On April 2, 2008, Ball stole a new black 2006 Dodge Charger from Manteca Dodge. A tip led police to Ball's residence. When Officers tried to initiate a traffic stop of the defendant

driving the stolen car in the area of Briggsmore Avenue, Ball accelerated over 100 mph causing vehicles to swerve to avoid collisions in several residential neighborhoods. Ball spun out and crashed while trying to make a turn. Ball ran a short distance before officers were able to apprehend him.

Upon the entry of his guilty pleas, Ball was sentenced by the Honorable Timothy Salter to sixteen months 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.

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