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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

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Re: Lisa Diana Chavez

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**Modesto, California** – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Lisa Diana Chavez, age 28, of Modesto, entered a plea of guilty to possessing a stolen automobile, as well as possessing methamphetamine in the county jail. The defendant also admitted a prior auto theft conviction for which she served a term of imprisonment and is currently on parole. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events which occurred on December 27, 2007 when the defendant was a passenger in a grey 1995 Nissan Sentra which was reported stolen earlier that day. The driver previously pled guilty to possessing the stolen car.

On January 7, 2008, while in custody for the auto theft case, Chavez was caught trying to pass .06 grams of methamphetamine wrapped in a plastic bindle to another inmate at the county jail.

The Honorable Nancy Ashley scheduled a sentencing hearing on January 22, 2009. Chavez faces a maximum sentence of six 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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