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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Monte Gayton
Auto Thief Sentenced to
Four Years in Prison

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Monte Gayton, age 28, of Oakdale, was sentenced by Judge Ricardo Cordova to four years in state prison after he pled guilty to auto theft. The defendant also admitted a prior prison commitment for being a felon in possession of ammunition. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events which occurred on October 29, 2008 when Gayton stole a 2000 Toyota Corolla at a Stop N Save in Riverbank. Approximately one hour after the victim reported his car stolen, Gayton was located driving the vehicle.

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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