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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Andrew Donovan Hall-Multiple vehicle thefts

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Andrew Donovan Hall, age 18, of Modesto, has been convicted of two counts of auto theft and two counts of possessing a stolen vehicle. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

The first case arose out of events which began on July 28, 2008 in Modesto when the defendant stole a 1998 Dodge Caravan after the owner left the keys in the van. It was recovered abandoned three days later.

Hall was arrested on July 31, 2008 in Modesto after he was found to be a passenger in a stolen 1993 Toyota Camry while another friend was following in a stolen 1997 Honda Civic. Hall admitted assisting in the theft of both cars, as well as the prior theft of the Caravan. He was able to post bail in the middle of September and was released from custody. On September 21, 2008 in Modesto, the defendant was driving a stolen 1999 Toyota Camry. Hall claimed his friend lent him the car.

Upon entry of guilty pleas, the Honorable John Freeland sentenced Hall to two years in the California Rehabilitation Center.

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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