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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Jeremy Dewayne Rhea
Auto Theft and Burglary Convictions
Result in Prison Sentence

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Jeremy Dewayne Rhea, age 43, of Turlock, was convicted of auto theft and first degree burglary. Rhea had previously served a term in state prison. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

On August 25, 2008, Rhea entered an inhabited residence on Sunnyside Avenue in Turlock by breaking the rear bedroom window. Rhea then stole a Pringles potato chip container which contained approximately \$63 in change and fled the home. An alert neighbor called the police and was later able to identify the defendant from a photo line-up.

On September 2, 2008, Rhea stole a 1990 Mazda 323 outside of the owner's work place. The owner of the car had left the doors unlocked, windows rolled down, and keys on the floor board. The defendant was caught that same day driving the car.

Upon the entry of his guilty plea, Rhea was sentenced by the Honorable Donald E. Shaver to four years and eight months in state prison.