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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Charles Michael Manrique, Jr Phone: (209) 525-5550

Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Charles Michael Manrique, Jr, age 35, of Modesto, entered a plea of guilty to receiving stolen property on October 2, 2008. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

On December 6, 2006 Manrique entered a plea of guilty to possession of methamphetamine and was ordered to complete drug treatment pursuant to Proposition 36; on one occasion he was found in violation of probation for failing to participate in drug treatment. On September 19, 2008 Manrique knowingly possessed a stolen 2000 Ford Explorer. The SUV had been reported stolen three days prior. The defendant claimed his friend gave the SUV to him, but he didn't know his last name or address.

Upon the entry of his guilty plea, Manrique was sentenced by the Honorable Charles V. Stone 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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