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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Adam Santana, Jr.

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Adam Santana, Jr., age 29, of Modesto, entered pleas of guilty to possessing a stolen vehicle and possessing stolen credit cards and California identification cards. The defendant also admitted a prior auto theft conviction and a prior conviction under the “Three Strikes Law” for which he served two prior prison terms. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events which occurred on August 28, 2007 when a routine parole search was conducted at Santana’s house in Modesto. Parole Officers discovered numerous stolen credit and California identification cards. In the garage, the officers located a red 1995 Honda Accord, which had been reported stolen out of Patterson six days previously on August 22, 2007. The defendant initially claimed he didn’t know the car was stolen when his friend stored the car in his garage.

The Honorable Nancy Ashley scheduled a sentencing hearing for January 8, 2009. Santana faces a maximum sentence of ten years and eight 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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