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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Christopher Walton-
Attempted Auto Theft
Receives One Year in State Prison

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Christopher Walton, age 27, of Modesto, entered a plea of guilty to attempted auto theft, driving under the influence, resisting arrest, and admitted having a previous auto theft conviction from December 2002. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events which occurred on May 17, 2008 in Modesto when Walton had a physical altercation with a third party. Walton then took his neighbor's 1993 Nissan 240 car to flee. When Walton was pulled over a short time later, he was determined to be under the influence of marijuana and methamphetamine. The defendant then resisted arrest when he would not comply with Modesto Police Officer Shane Castro's commands.

Upon the entry of the guilty pleas, Walton was sentenced by the Honorable Thomas Zeff to one year in state prison.

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