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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

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Re: Daniel Brian Evangelista II  
Auto Thief Sentenced to Four Years

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Daniel Brian Evangelista II, age 31, of Turlock, was convicted of auto theft and admitted a prior auto theft conviction from June 2000 for which he had served time in prison. Further, Evangelista was on parole as a result of a January 2006 conviction for possession of methamphetamine for sale. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events that occurred on May 13, 2009 at about 3:15 p.m. in the area of Rouse Avenue and Leon Avenue in Modesto. An officer from the Stanislaus County Auto Theft Task Force (STANCATT) observed Evangelista driving a 1999 gray Dodge Durango that was reported stolen out of Modesto on May 10, 2009 after the victim had left his vehicle doors unlocked. The officer made a traffic stop and noticed that there was damage to the steering column. Evangelista stated he got the vehicle from a friend, but claimed he would be stabbed if he gave any more information.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable Dawna Frenchie Reeves sentenced Evangelista to four years in the California Rehabilitation Center.

The District Attorney's Office urges residents to always lock their vehicle doors.

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.

**IF YOU OBSERVE A THEFT IN PROGRESS, DIAL 911**

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