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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

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Re: Chanda Ngoun

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Auto Thief Sentenced to 4 Years, 8 Months
in Prison

Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Chanda Ngoun, age 28, of Modesto, was convicted on June 2, 2009 of attempted auto theft and evading a peace officer. Ngoun was on probation for auto theft stemming from a July 2007 conviction. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events that occurred during the early morning hours of August 28, 2008 at around 2 a.m. in the area of 6th Street and Magnolia Street in Ceres. A Ceres police officer observed a 1990 black Honda Accord traveling approximately 5 mph in the middle of the street with a burned out rear license plate lamp. When the officer activated his lights and siren to perform a routine traffic stop, the vehicle rapidly accelerated away and failed to stop at the stop sign at Herndon Road. The vehicle then entered northbound Highway 99 and accelerated to over 90 mph. The vehicle then exited at the Hatch Road off ramp and collided with the guardrail. Ngoun jumped out of the vehicle and ran before being caught a short distance away. After taking Ngoun into custody, the officer learned that the vehicle had just been stolen out of Modesto.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable Timothy Salter sentenced Ngoun to four years and eight months in the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

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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