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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

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Re: Luis Ernesto Ramirez

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Auto Thief Sentenced to 2 years and 8 months
prison

Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Luis Ernesto Ramirez, age 37, of Modesto, was convicted on September 29, 2009 of commercial burglary and auto theft. Ramirez is currently on parole for theft from an elder/dependent adult from June 2008. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

On June 26, 2009 at approximately 5:30 p.m., Ramirez entered a detached garage located on 5th Street in Modesto. He took a red gas can and a black computer bag. The homeowner called the police after he observed Ramirez stealing his property. Within minutes, the police arrived and arrested Ramirez. Inside Ramirez's pocket, the police located keys to a 1996 silver Honda Accord that was parked nearby and reported stolen out of Menlo Park on June 10, 2009. Ramirez has served one prior prison term.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable John Freeland sentenced Ramirez to two 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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