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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

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Re: Dale Anthony Tomerlin

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Thief Sentenced to Three Years Prison

**Modesto, California** – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Dale Anthony Tomerlin, age 36, of Modesto, was convicted of possession of stolen property and possession of a dangerous weapon. The defendant also admitted having served a prior prison term in 2006 after he was convicted of felony theft. He was on parole for that offense at the time he committed the current offense. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

This case arose out of events that occurred on August 16, 2009 in Modesto. At approximately 10 a.m., officers were conducting a probation search of Tomerlin's residence and located recently stolen identification cards, credit cards, checks, cell phones, and painting equipment. Tomerlin also had brass knuckles inside his back pack.

Upon entry of the guilty plea, the Honorable Timothy Salter sentenced Tomerlin to three years in the California Rehabilitation Center, a drug treatment facility.