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**PRESS RELEASE**

**For Immediate Release**

Date: January 21, 2009  
Re: Clinton Herbert Wangelin, Jr.  
Auto Thief Sentenced to 4 years and  
4 months in state prison

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**Modesto, California** – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Clinton Herbert Wangelin, Jr, age 33, of Turlock, was convicted of auto theft on January 21, 2009 and admitted having served three prior prison terms for: possession of methamphetamine in May 1999; possession of stolen property in February 2002; and possession of stolen property in February 2005-- all from Merced County. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events which occurred in Turlock on December 15, 2008 when the defendant was found in possession of a stolen 1994 blue GMC Sierra 1500 pick-up. The pick-up had a damaged steering column and a missing radio.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable Timothy Salter sentenced Wangelin to four years and four 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.

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

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