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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

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Re: Robert Frank Garcia
Auto Thief Sentenced to
Five Years Prison

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Robert Frank Garcia, age 29, of Modesto, was convicted on June 21, 2010 of auto theft, hit and run, and resisting arrest. Garcia also admitted prior auto theft convictions from May 2004 and March 2006 for which he served time in prison. Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey W. Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

On June 10, 2010 at around 9:00 p.m. in the area of Standiford Avenue and Prescott Road in Modesto, an officer observed a 1990 blue Honda Accord run a stoplight. After performing a routine traffic stop, the officer discovered that Garcia was the driver and that he did not have a valid driver's license. Garcia started to drive away but soon lost control of the car and spun out. The vehicle slowly rolled into a parked car. Garcia jumped out of the moving car and tried to run away, but was caught shortly thereafter. When the officer contacted the registered owner of the Honda Accord that Garcia was driving, she did not know that it had been stolen from her driveway.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable Linda McFadden sentenced Garcia to five years 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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