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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: David Adam Pacheco
Auto Thief Sentenced to
16 Months Prison

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Modesto, California Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that David Adam Pacheco, age 27, of Modesto, was convicted on October 28, 2010 of two auto thefts. Pacheco is currently on probation stemming from an August 2010 conviction for auto burglary. Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey W. Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

On April 25, 2010, at approximately 7:00 p.m., an officer received a tip that a stolen 1998 green Oldsmobile van was parked in the area of Celeste Drive and Rose Avenue in Modesto. When the officer arrived, he observed Pacheco sitting in the driver's seat. The officer then confirmed that the van was stolen out of Tracy on April 18, 2010. Pacheco was arrested but posted bail and was released from custody.

On October 4, 2010, at approximately 9:30 a.m. in the area of College Avenue in Modesto, an officer on routine patrol observed a person yelling while running towards a 1991 brown Mitsubishi Galant that was accelerating away. The citizen stated that the driver of the Mitsubishi had just stolen some insulated copper wire from the back of a work truck. The officer then drove in the direction of the fleeing car. Several blocks away, the officer spotted Pacheco running away from the now abandoned vehicle. Pacheco was then located hiding in some oleanders next to the canal bank by East Briggsmore Avenue. A check of the license plate on the Mitsubishi revealed that it was reported stolen out of Riverbank on September 26, 2010. Pacheco claimed that a friend gave him the car and he didn't know the car was stolen. However, Pacheco had no contact information for this friend.

The Honorable Timothy Salter sentenced Pacheco to sixteen 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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