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## PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release		Contact:	Carol Shipley
Date:	May 10, 2010	Assistant District Attorney	
Re:	Jose Sanchez Ramirez Auto Thief Sentenced to 2 Years Prison	Phone:	(209) 525-5550

Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Jose Sanchez Ramirez, age 43, of Sacramento, was convicted on May 10, 2010 of auto theft. Ramirez is currently on probation for auto theft stemming from an August 2005 conviction. Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey W. Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

On April 5, 2010 at approximately 10:30 p.m. in the area of Alamo Avenue in Modesto, Ramirez stole his friend's 1994 green Dodge Dakota pick-up truck. When the vehicle ran out of fuel, Ramirez left the car at the Quick Stop located on Hatch Road. Officers contacted Ramirez at his house, located one block away, and found him to be in possession of the keys to his friend's stolen truck as well as the truck's stereo.

The Honorable Thomas Zeff sentenced Ramirez to two 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.

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