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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Dallas Brandon Rampley
Auto Thief Gets 4 Years, 4 Months Prison

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Dallas Brandon Rampley, age 25, of Modesto, was convicted of auto theft, evading a peace officer, and possession of methamphetamine. Rampley also admitted a prior prison term stemming from a June 2005 conviction for commercial burglary for which he is currently on parole. Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey W. Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

On April 7, 2010 at around noon in the area of Briggs Avenue and Seybold Avenue in Modesto, an officer observed Rampley driving a 1996 white Honda Accord that was reported stolen earlier that day in Modesto. When the officer activated his lights and siren to perform a traffic stop, Rampley accelerated away while ignoring numerous stop signs and traffic signals at various intersections. Rampley stopped and jumped out of the vehicle and ran away. The officer was able to locate a fingerprint in the interior of the stolen car. This fingerprint was later determined to be from Rampley. A warrant for his arrest was then issued.

On April 12, 2010 at approximately noon in the area of Wylie Drive and Gemini Court in Modesto, officers from the Stanislaus County Auto-Theft Task Force (StanCATT) observed Rampley riding his bicycle and stopped him for his outstanding arrest warrant. A plastic baggie containing methamphetamine was found in Rampley's right front pants pocket.

The Honorable John Freeland sentenced Rampley to four years and four months in the California Rehabilitation Center.

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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