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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Daniel Ray Gill Jr

**3 Years, 8 Months Prison
for Domestic Violence and Auto Theft**

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Daniel Ray Gill Jr, age 36, of Modesto, was convicted on July 6, 2011 of possession of a stolen vehicle and domestic violence. Gill is currently on probation for a domestic violence conviction out of Fresno County. Deputy District Attorneys Jeff Mangar and Carolyn Matzger prosecuted the cases for the People.

On November 2, 2010 at approximately noon, an officer from the Stanislaus County Auto-Theft Task Force (StanCATT) observed Gill in the area of South Santa Cruz Avenue in Modesto working on a stolen 1995 green Honda Accord. The vehicle had been stolen during the early morning hours of October 23, 2010 out of the registered owner's parking stall at her apartment complex on Cheyenne Way in Modesto. When the officer approached Gill, the officer observed that there was damage to the vehicle's ignition and the car stereo had been removed. Gill stated that he was repairing the car for a friend and that he didn't know the car was stolen. However, Gill had no contact information for this friend.

On June 24, 2011 at approximately 8:00 a.m. in the area of Canal Street in Modesto, an officer was dispatched to a domestic violence disturbance between Gill and his wife. Gill had accused his wife of cheating on him and punched her in the nose causing her nose to bleed. She also reported that, two days earlier, Gill had an argument with her and hit her on the left side of her face causing her to fall to the ground. When the officer arrived, Gill had already fled the residence. Gill's wife stated that Gill had used "a large amount of methamphetamine and has been out of his mind." After photographs were taken of the victim's injuries, a warrant of arrest was issued for Gill.

On June 28, 2011 at around 8:30 a.m. in the area of South Santa Cruz Avenue and Oregon

Drive, an officer observed Gill riding his bicycle on the wrong side of the road. When the officer tried to stop him, Gill jumped off his bike and ran but was caught a short distance away.

The Honorable Ricardo Cordova sentenced Gill to three years and eight 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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