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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

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Re: Andrew Paul Satariano

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Auto Thief Gets 4 Years Prison

Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Andrew Paul Satariano, age 30, of Modesto, was convicted on February 15, 2011 of auto theft and felon in possession of a firearm. Satariano also admitted a prior auto theft conviction from February 2005. Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey W. Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

On December 21, 2010 at approximately noon, officers from the Stanislaus County Auto-Theft Task Force (StanCATT) received an anonymous tip that Satariano had a stolen vehicle at his house on Waddell Way in Modesto. After the officers arrived with a search warrant, they located a stolen 1978 black and silver Chevrolet Corvette in Satariano's garage that had been reported stolen on April 4, 2010 out of Riverbank. Inside his house, the officers located two handguns and two rifles in various locations. As a convicted felon, Satariano cannot possess any firearms. Satariano tried to run but was caught a short distance away.

The Honorable Thomas Zeff sentenced Satariano to four 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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