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PRESS RELEASE

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Date: October 17, 2008
Re: Norman Andrew Seal – Stolen
property from school nets 5 years and 8
months in prison.

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Norman Andrew Seal, age 28, of Ceres was sentenced to 5 years and 8 months in state prison on October 16, 2008 by the Honorable Judge Salter following a plea of guilty to Possession of Stolen property, an admission that he had served a prior prison term and an admission of a Violation of Probation on September 25, 2008. Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey M. Laugero prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events which occurred on December 18th, 2006, in the City of Ceres. Ceres Police officers responded to a suspicious circumstance call at a residence next to Ceres High School. Upon arrival, officers searched the area for two men who were seen at the residence trying to break the lock off a tool box. The reporting party told officers that he had seen suspicious activity at the residence and believed the tool box and other items at the residence were stolen. While searching for the two men, officers spotted a man walking away from the Ceres High School campus. When officers attempted to contact this man, he ran. This suspect, later identified as parolee Norman Andrew Seal, was later located hiding under a boat at an apartment complex. A second subject was seen walking out of the campus and was detained. A search of the campus found a construction trailer that had been broken into. A lock had been cut off and bolt cutters located in the area where the suspects were first seen. Numerous tools were taken from the trailer, including two Motorola radios. When arrested, Seal was in possession of one of the radios.

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