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**NEWS RELEASE
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Stanislaus County Library Warning Citizens of a Telephone Scam

Modesto, CA- The Stanislaus County Library has received reports of an unknown suspect calling citizens and representing himself as a county library employee. The unknown suspect has been calling people and stating that they owe late fees to the Stanislaus County Library and asked for credit card information over the phone. The first reported incident occurred on November 30, 2007 to a victim in the City of Patterson, and another incident was reported December 20, 2007 to a victim in the community of Keyes. Both victims' refuses to give out their information and later contact the Stanislaus County Library.

The Stanislaus County Library does not ask for any personal over the phone and only sends notices in the mail regarding account status. Citizens should not give out any personal information if they receive a call from someone representing himself or herself as a Stanislaus County Library employee.

Sheriff's Detectives and Library officials are also looking for other people that may have been victims of this same type of incident. If anyone has been a victim of the library telephone scam they are asked to call the Stanislaus County Library at (209) 558-7807 or Detective Joe Knittel at (209) 525-7079

Anyone with information about this case is encouraged to contact Detective Joe Knittel at (209) 525-7079. Callers can also leave an anonymous tip by calling Crime Stoppers at (209) 521-4636 and be eligible for a cash reward.

For information regarding this press release please contact Deputy Royjindar Singh (209) 652-6597.