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PRESS RELEASE

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Date: November 13, 2008
Re: Shawn Bryant Moore-
Conviction for Auto Theft and
Possession of Stolen Vehicle

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Shawn Bryant Moore, age 39, of Modesto, was convicted after a two-day jury trial of the felony charges of Auto Theft and Receiving a Stolen Vehicle. The Court also found true that the defendant had two prior commitments to state prison. Deputy District Attorney Abel C.K. Hung prosecuted the case for the people.

The case arose out of events which occurred on August 18, 2008 in the City of Oakdale, when the defendant was driving a Honda Civic with a defective muffler. Defendant was subsequently pulled over on a routine traffic stop by an officer from the Oakdale Police Department for the defective muffler. During the traffic stop, it was discovered that defendant was driving while his driver's license was suspended or revoked. Further investigation revealed that the Honda Civic had been reported as stolen out of Los Banos in late July. Upon further inspection of the vehicle, the officer noticed that the ignition column had been stripped and a screwdriver was located on the driver side floorboard. Contact with the registered owner of the vehicle was made and it was confirmed that the vehicle had indeed been stolen the month prior and defendant did not have permission to be in possession of the vehicle.

The Honorable Thomas Zeff presided over the trial and set sentencing for December 12, 2008. Moore is facing a maximum of 5 years and 8 months in state prison.

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