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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

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Re: Joseph Glenn Shaw

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Auto Thief sentenced to Two Years in Prison

**Modesto, California** – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Joseph Glenn Shaw, age 26, of Turlock, was convicted of auto theft, evading a peace officer, and resisting arrest. The defendant had previously been convicted of auto theft in June 2007 when he was referred to Drug Court. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events that occurred on February 3, 2009 at around 8:50 p.m. in the area of 9<sup>th</sup> Street in Keyes when Shaw was observed driving a 1991 blue Chevy 1500 pick-up truck in a reckless manner without any headlights on. When a Sheriff's deputy initiated his lights and siren to perform a routine traffic stop, Shaw accelerated away and failed to stop at the stop signs at Lizzie Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Anna Street before colliding with a large irrigation valve. Shaw then ran from the truck but was apprehended a short distance away. The pick-up truck was recovered before the owner even realized it was missing.

The Honorable John Freeland sentenced Shaw to two years in state prison. This is the defendant's first prison commitment.

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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