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PRESS RELEASE

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Auto Thief Sentenced to 4 years, 8 months
prison

Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Jason Michael Brown, age 24, of Modesto, was convicted on October 29, 2009 of possession of a stolen vehicle and evading a peace officer. Brown also admitted a prior auto theft conviction from February 2004 for which he served a term in prison. Brown is currently on Proposition 36 probation for possession of methamphetamine stemming from an April 2009 conviction. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

On October 4, 2009 at approximately 8:40 p.m. in the area of Evans Road and Richland Avenue in Ceres, an officer from the Ceres Police Department observed Brown driving a 1986 silver Toyota pick-up truck that was reported stolen out of Ceres that morning. The officer also observed a male in the front passenger seat. When the officer activated his lights and siren to perform an enforcement stop, Brown accelerated away at a high rate of speed into the parking lot of Independence Park before Brown jumped out of the moving vehicle and ran. The vehicle crashed into a chain link fence and stopped. Brown's front seat passenger was uninjured and Brown was apprehended a short distance away. The officer observed that there was damage to the steering column. Brown said that he got the vehicle from a friend but had no contact information for this friend. Brown also stated that he ran because he knew he was wanted by his parole agent for not checking in.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable Scott Steffen sentenced Brown to four years and eight months in 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.

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