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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

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Re: Richard Paul Carpenter III

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Auto Thief Sentenced to 2 Years Prison

Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Richard Paul Carpenter III, age 30, a transient, was convicted of auto theft. Carpenter also admitted a prior auto theft conviction from January 2007 out of San Joaquin County for which he was on probation. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events that occurred on August 26, 2009 at approximately 5 a.m. in the area of College Avenue and Orangeburg Avenue. The defendant was driving a 1995 white Honda Civic that had been reported stolen on August 25, 2009 out of Tracy. After conducting a traffic stop, the officer observed that a shaved key had been used to start the vehicle.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable Thomas Zeff sentenced Carpenter to two years in state 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.

IF YOU OBSERVE A THEFT IN PROGRESS, DIAL 911

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