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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Sopha Chea – Theft of vehicle nets 16
months in state prison.

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Sopha Chea, of Anderson, California, was sentenced to sixteen months in state prison today after having been convicted of one count of vehicle theft on March 10, 2009. Deputy District Attorney Brad Nix appeared on behalf of the People. The Honorable Nancy Ashley pronounced sentence.

On June 20, 2007, Chea was one of three individuals who each drove a stolen vehicle past Oakdale Police Officers who were looking into a stripped abandoned car. The cars were stopped for traffic violations, and Chea ran from the driver's seat of the Honda Accord that he had been driving. After Chea was caught, OPD officers found that the Accord had a broken ignition.