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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Lisa Michelle Harkins – Auto Thief
Sentenced to 16 months in State Prison

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Lisa Michelle Harkins, age 31, of Modesto, was convicted of auto theft. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events which occurred in Modesto on January 18, 2009 when the defendant stole a 1996 white Mazda MPV vehicle. Harkins was found later that day passed out in the driver's seat in the parking lot of Charlie's Market on Crows Landing Road. Harkins had two prior felony convictions for sales of a controlled substance and possession of a controlled substance.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable Ricardo Cordova sentenced Harkins to sixteen months 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.

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