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PRESS RELEASE

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Date: April 7, 2009
Re: Shawn Bryant Moore-
Auto Thief Sentenced to 4 Years
in State Prison

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that the Honorable Thomas Zeff sentenced Shawn Bryant Moore, age 40, of Hughson, on April 7th, 2009, to four years in state prison for Auto Theft, Receiving a Stolen Vehicle, and having had two prior convictions for which the defendant served a commitment to state prison.

The case arose out of events that occurred on August 18, 2008 in the City of Oakdale when the defendant was driving a Honda Civic with a defective muffler. The defendant was subsequently pulled over on a routine traffic stop by an officer from the Oakdale Police Department for the defective muffler. During the traffic stop, it was discovered that the defendant was driving while his driver's license was suspended or revoked. Further investigation revealed that the Honda Civic had been reported stolen out of Los Banos in late July. Upon further inspection of the vehicle, the officer noticed that the ignition column had been stripped and a screwdriver was located on the driver's side floorboard. Contact with the registered owner of the vehicle was made and it was confirmed that the vehicle had indeed been stolen the month prior and defendant did not have permission to be in possession of the vehicle.

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