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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

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Re: Jonathan Blue Moore

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Auto Thief Sentenced to 4 years prison

Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Jonathan Blue Moore, age 26, of Modesto, was convicted of possession of a stolen vehicle. Moore also admitted a prior robbery conviction from March 2001 that falls under California’s “Three Strikes” law. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events that occurred on April 6, 2009 at approximately 8 a.m. when a concerned citizen reported that a 1993 dark blue Saturn SLR was being stolen from the parking lot of the Santa Cruz Market on Santa Cruz Avenue in Modesto. Within minutes, deputy sheriffs arrived and located Moore driving off in the vehicle. Moore claimed that his friend loaned him the car but Moore had no contact information for him. Deputies also observed that the steering column in the vehicle was damaged.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable Timothy Salter sentenced Moore to four years in state prison.

Stanislaus County residents can report suspected auto 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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