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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

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Auto Thief Sentenced to 3 years prison

Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Krishan Pratap, age 18, of Modesto, was convicted on October 29, 2009 of auto theft and possession of methamphetamine. Pratap also admitted a prior auto theft conviction from April 2009 for which he was on probation. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

On September 7, 2009 at around 4:00 a.m. in the area of Rumble Road and Sherwood Avenue in Modesto, Pratap was observed by a Modesto Police officer driving a 1996 green Honda Accord that had been reported stolen out of the victim's driveway in Modesto approximately five hours earlier. When the officer tried to perform a traffic stop, Pratap accelerated away but lost control at a curve in the road and collided with a fire hydrant. Pratap had a baggie of methamphetamine inside his pants pocket.

Upon entry of his guilty plea, the Honorable Marie Silveira sentenced Pratap to three years in 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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