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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Sulthan Shah Ayubzai
Auto Thief Sentenced to
2 Years in Prison

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Modesto, California Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Sulthan Shah Ayubzai, age 21, of Modesto, was convicted of auto theft. Ayubzai is currently on probation for theft stemming from an October 2009 conviction. Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey W. Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

On May 1, 2010 at approximately 6:30 a.m., Ayubzai stole a 1994 gold Oldsmobile Royale that belonged to his girlfriend's grandmother. Ayubzai had been staying with his girlfriend at her grandmother's home in Modesto. Ayubzai was arrested later that morning with the stolen vehicle, after he had crashed into a fence. Ayubzai claimed that he needed to get around so he took the vehicle, even though he knew he wasn't supposed to drive it.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable Scott Steffen sentenced Ayubzai to two years 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.

IF YOU OBSERVE A THEFT IN PROGRESS, DIAL 911

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