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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

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Re: Jason Lee Beck  
Auto Thief/Burglar Gets  
5 Years

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Jason Lee Beck, age 35, of Turlock, was convicted on November 1, 2010 of residential burglary and auto theft. Beck also admitted a prior auto theft conviction from March 2006. Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey W. Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

On October 23, 2010 at approximately 2:00 a.m. in the area of Rose Garden Court in Modesto, Beck entered a residence through an unlocked back door and stole a brown purse, three watches, and keys to a 2007 white Lexus SUV that was parked in the garage. The homeowners were asleep and did not know that Beck had entered their home. A neighbor observed Beck acting suspiciously outside the victims' home and called police. When an officer arrived, the victims' Lexus SUV was found abandoned several blocks away. A witness was able to identify Beck and he was located in his friend's nearby apartment. Beck still had the victims' personal property with him. Beck stated that he needed to make some money so he decided to randomly burglarize the home to steal property.

The Honorable John Freeland sentenced Beck to five years in prison.

The District Attorney's Office urges residents to always lock the doors of their residences, including back doors.

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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