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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

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Re: Donnie Lee Bibbs
Auto Thief Sentenced to
16 Months Prison

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Donnie Lee Bibbs, age 18, of Modesto, was convicted on September 15, 2010 of auto theft. Bibbs is currently on probation in the Proposition 36 drug treatment program for possession of methamphetamine stemming from an August 2010 conviction. Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey W. Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

On Sunday, August 29, 2010 at approximately 2:30 a.m., Bibbs stole a 1995 white Dodge Neon from a parking lot on McHenry Avenue after the owner entered a store leaving her vehicle running with the keys in the ignition. When she returned a few minutes later, she discovered her car had been taken. Within minutes after reporting her vehicle stolen, an officer performed a traffic stop on Bibbs who was still driving the stolen vehicle in the area of Sherwood Avenue.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable Ricardo Cordova sentenced Bibbs to sixteen months in state prison.

The District Attorney's Office urges residents to never leave an unattended vehicle running, no matter how briefly.

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.

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