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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

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Re: Laurence Allen Lucas
Auto Thief Gets
Three Years

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Laurence Allen Lucas, age 31, of Modesto, was convicted on October 29, 2010 of auto theft. Lucas also admitted having served a prior prison term for commercial burglary from March 2007. Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey W. Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

On October 21, 2010 at approximately 9:30 a.m. in the area of N. Golden State Boulevard in Turlock, an officer observed Lucas driving a 2004 white Toyota Camry that had been reported stolen from a home invasion robbery that occurred on October 7, 2010 in an apartment on Wayside Drive in Turlock. When the officer tried to perform a traffic stop, Lucas jumped out of the car and ran. He was caught a short distance away. Lucas claimed he got the car from a friend and didn't know the car was stolen, but had no contact information for this friend.

The Honorable Linda McFadden sentenced Lucas to three 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.

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