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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

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Re: Ronald Powell McCurdy

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Auto Thief Sentenced to 2 Years Prison

Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Ronald Powell McCurdy, age 21, of Modesto, was convicted on January 21, 2010 of auto theft and admitted having a prior auto theft conviction from May 2007 out of Merced County for which he was on probation. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

On January 11, 2010 at approximately 11:30 p.m. on Yosemite Boulevard in Empire, officers from the Stanislaus County Auto-Theft Task Force (StanCATT) observed McCurdy driving in a 1990 silver Honda Civic. The vehicle was reported stolen that morning from the victim's driveway in Ceres. After being stopped, McCurdy claimed that he did not steal the vehicle but knew the car was stolen and was just moving it away from the area so that the police and owner can get their car back.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable Ricardo Cordova sentenced McCurdy 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.

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