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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

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Re: Rothona Reach
Auto Thief Sentenced to
Two Years in Prison

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Rothona Reach, age 24, of Modesto, was convicted on July 8, 2010 of auto theft, evading a peace officer, and resisting arrest. Rothona is currently in the Proposition 36 drug treatment program stemming from a June 2009 conviction for possession of methamphetamine. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

On June 21, 2010 at around 1:30 a.m. in the area of Paradise Road and Chicago Avenue in Modesto, an officer observed Reach driving a 1996 red Honda Prelude that had been reported stolen out of Modesto less than an hour earlier. When the officer activated his lights and siren to initiate a traffic stop, Reach turned off his headlights and accelerated away at over 70 m.p.h. in a 25 m.p.h. residential zone. Reach suddenly stopped the car and tried to run away, but the officer's K-9 apprehended him a short distance away.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable Linda McFadden sentenced Reach 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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