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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Leopoldo Trevino III
Auto Thief Sentenced
to 2 Years, 8 Months Prison

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Leopoldo Trevino III, age 23, of Modesto, was convicted on July 29, 2010 of auto theft and possession of methamphetamine. Trevino also admitted a prior auto theft conviction from January 2009. Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey W. Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

On June 10, 2010 at around 9:45 a.m. in the area of Finch Road in Modesto, Trevino was observed parking a 1993 red Honda Civic which had been reported stolen earlier that morning out of Modesto. When police contacted Trevino in the parking lot, Trevino stated that he was collecting a job application at the business, but denied being inside the stolen vehicle. On the passenger seat, the officer located Trevino's cell phone with a recent text message to his girlfriend which read, "I'm going to see you whether I got to steal a car or not." Inside Trevino's backpack, the officer located a CD-player that was taken from the stolen car and a small baggie which contained methamphetamine.

Upon entry of his guilty plea, the Honorable Timothy Salter sentenced Trevino to two years and eight months 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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