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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

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Re: Kevin Dale Warren
Auto Thief Gets
Five Years

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Kevin Dale Warren, age 42, of Modesto, was convicted on December 8, 2010 of auto theft. Warren also admitted a prior auto theft conviction from June 2005, and a conviction for possession of methamphetamine from September 2000 that resulted in a prison term. Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey W. Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

On September 29, 2010 at approximately 5:30 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the Raley's grocery store parking lot on Hatch Road in Ceres after a caller observed Warren acting suspiciously inside a 1989 maroon Dodge Spirit. The caller indicated that Warren had been inside the car for a lengthy period of time and moving around frantically. When the officer arrived, he observed Warren inside the car. The officer checked the license plate number and discovered that the vehicle had been reported stolen two days earlier. The car had been stolen from the registered owner's parking stall of her apartment complex in Ceres. The officer then observed that the steering column was damaged.

The Honorable Scott Steffen sentenced Warren to five years in the California Rehabilitation Center.

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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