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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Michael Andrea Richardson
Auto Thief Gets
2 Years Prison

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Michael Andrea Richardson, age 47 of Sacramento, was convicted on June 22, 2011 of auto theft. Richardson also admitted a prior auto theft conviction from May 2005 out of Sacramento County. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

On May 24, 2011, Richardson walked to a used car dealership in Sacramento and stole a 2000 black Lexus GS300 after he observed that the dealership had left the keys in the ignition. Within hours after the dealership reported the vehicle as stolen, officers from the Stanislaus County Auto-Theft Task Force (StanCATT) began to receive lo-jack radio transmissions indicating that the vehicle was in the parking lot at Kaiser Hospital by Pelandale Avenue and Dale Road in Modesto. After officers initiated a traffic stop, Richardson was arrested. When questioned about the stolen Lexus, Richardson initially claimed that his cousin gave him the vehicle and he didn't know it was stolen. Richardson then said that he doesn't like to walk so he took the vehicle from the dealership.

The Honorable Linda McFadden sentenced Richardson 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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