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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Jared Clay Williams

Auto Thief Gets
4 Years Prison

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Jared Clay Williams, age 32, of Empire, was convicted on July 21, 2011 of possession of a stolen vehicle and resisting arrest. Williams also admitted a prior auto theft conviction from November 2004 for which he served a term in prison. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

On February 26, 2011 at approximately 9:00 p.m. in the area of Mark Randy Court in Modesto, an officer observed Williams driving a 2001 silver Ford Taurus into the parking lot of an apartment complex. The vehicle had been reported stolen on February 20, 2011.

After the officer activated his lights and siren to perform a traffic stop, Williams jumped out of the moving car and ran. The car then drifted into a parked car. Williams was able to jump a fence and get away. However, Williams left his wallet and ID behind inside the stolen car. An arrest warrant was issued for Williams and he was arrested several weeks later.

Judge John Freeland sentenced Williams to four years in state prison.

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