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**NEWS RELEASE**

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Re: Automobile Fraud Investigation

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MODESTO, CALIFORNIA - Assistant District Attorney Carol Shipley announced today that, after a 3-month investigation by the District Attorney's Office, the subject of an investigation was arrested and booked into the Stanislaus County jail on charges of insurance fraud, arson and conspiracy.

Search warrants were served at three locations in Stanislaus County. The warrants targeted the subject of the ongoing investigation, his home, his place of business (Fireside Dodge) and a storage locker.

Agents from the Stanislaus County Auto Theft Task Force, California Department of Motor Vehicles Investigations Bureau, and officers from the Modesto Police Department assisted District Attorney investigators with serving the warrants.

The investigation into this case is on-going; therefore, no further details will be released by this office.

The District Attorney's Office wishes to thank the Stanislaus County Auto Theft Task Force, the California Department of Motor Vehicles and the Modesto Police Department for their assistance with this case.