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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

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Re: Deirdre Beach Alonzo aka Duckworth

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Auto Thief Sentenced to 3 years in Prison

Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Deirdre Beach Alonzo aka Duckworth, age 50, of Modesto, was convicted of possession of a stolen vehicle. Alonzo is currently on misdemeanor probation for making threats to commit great bodily injury and possession of drug paraphernalia. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events that occurred on July 16, 2009 at around 6:00 a.m. when officers from the Stanislaus County Auto Theft Task Force (StanCATT) were dispatched to a trailer park on Bystrum Road in Modesto regarding a stolen 1993 blue Honda Accord that was in the parking lot in an assigned space. The vehicle had been reported stolen out of Modesto that morning. When Officers contacted the resident of the assigned parking space, they discovered that Alonzo had driven the vehicle there just hours before. Officers then contacted Alonzo and she admitted that she stole the vehicle the day before from an alleyway near 7<sup>th</sup> Street in Modesto when she found the vehicle running with no one inside.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable Scott Steffen sentenced Alonzo to three years in state prison.

The District Attorney's Office urges residents not to leave their running vehicles unattended no matter how briefly.

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.

**IF YOU OBSERVE A THEFT IN PROGRESS, DIAL 911**

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