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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Jesse Daniel Burkett
Carjacker sentenced to 3 years in prison

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Jesse Daniel Burkett, age 19, of Sonora, was convicted of carjacking. Burkett is currently on misdemeanor probation stemming from a commercial burglary from April 2009 out of Fresno. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

On November 2, 2009 the victim was sitting in her vehicle in a parking lot after returning from shopping. Burkett grabbed her out of the car and threw her to the ground. At approximately 2 a.m. on November 3, an officer observed Burkett driving the stolen 2007 white Toyota Matrix on McHenry Avenue and Granger Avenue in Modesto. After being arrested, Burkett admitted to taking the vehicle because he wanted to drive to Modesto.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable Timothy Salter sentenced Burkett to three years in 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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