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PRESS RELEASE

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Auto Thief Sentenced to 2 Years Prison

Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Amy Elizabeth Leonard, age 36, of Turlock, was convicted of auto theft and admitted having a prior auto theft conviction from July 2003. Leonard is currently on parole stemming from an April 2007 conviction for possession of methamphetamine. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

On October 10, 2009 at approximately 8:00 a.m. in Turlock, Leonard removed a key from her friend's key ring as her friend was packing to go to the airport for a trip to North Carolina. The key was to her friend's 2000 silver Chevy S10 pick-up truck that was parked in the driveway. After her friend's flight had departed, Leonard took the vehicle. When her friend's brother observed that the vehicle had been taken, he reported the vehicle as stolen. The next day at around 4 p.m., a Turlock Police officer stopped Leonard as she was driving the vehicle.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable Timothy Salter sentenced Leonard 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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