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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

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Re: Junior Vaa - Auto Thief Sentenced to 2 years in
State Prison

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Junior Vaa, age 27, of Modesto, was convicted of auto theft. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events which occurred in Modesto on January 12, 2009 when the defendant was driving a 1999 white Toyota Tacoma pick-up that had been stolen that morning. When Modesto police officers activated their red lights and siren in order to make an enforcement stop, Vaa jumped out of the pick-up and ran. Vaa was located a short distance away trying to hide.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable Donald Shaver sentenced Vaa to two years in state prison. Vaa is currently on felony probation for assault out of Oregon.

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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