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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

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Re: Matthew Jacob Fann
Auto Thief Gets 5 Years

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Matthew Jacob Fann, age 32, of Escalon, was convicted on October 19, 2010 of possession of a stolen vehicle and admitted a prior auto theft conviction from December 2008 in which he served a prison term. Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey W. Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

On September 3, 2010 at about 7:30 a.m., at the Quik Stop Market on East F Street in Oakdale, Fann was observed passed out and slumped over his steering wheel next to a gas pump. A citizen observed that Fann was motionless inside a 1997 silver Chevy pick-up truck. After the citizen tried to check on his welfare, Fann woke up and started to get argumentative. Fann then got out of the truck and walked away. The truck was reported stolen the day before from the parking lot of the victim's business in Oakdale. When an officer contacted Fann two blocks away, Fann denied being inside the stolen truck despite the witness having identified him. Fann then stated that he smoked methamphetamine two days earlier and had not slept much.

The Honorable Marie Silveira sentenced Fann to five 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.

IF YOU OBSERVE A THEFT IN PROGRESS, DIAL 911

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