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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

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Re: Gary Ivan Fleming  
Auto Thief Sentenced to  
Four Years Prison

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Gary Ivan Fleming, age 39, of Turlock, was convicted on June 18, 2010 of auto theft. Fleming also admitted prior felony convictions for possession of cocaine from November 2008 and possession of methamphetamine from December 2006 for which he served prison terms. Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey W. Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

On May 29, 2010 at around 7:24 p.m. in the area of Bradbury Road in Turlock, an officer observed Fleming driving a 2004 tan Chevy Blazer that had been reported stolen the day before out of a health club parking lot. The victim had left his keys and gym bag inside an unlocked locker. After a traffic stop, Fleming claimed that a friend gave him the vehicle to repair it. Fleming had no contact information for his friend. Fleming also stated that he was going to be paid in “dope” for repairing the vehicle.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable Nancy Ashley sentenced Fleming to four years in state prison.

The District Attorney’s Office urges residents to always secure their car keys--even at the gym.

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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