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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

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Re: John Paul Mason
Auto Thief Gets
2 Years Prison

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that John Paul Mason, age 38, of Modesto, was convicted on November 29, 2010 of auto theft and admitted a prior auto theft conviction from July 2009. Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey W. Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

On August 31, 2010 at approximately 5:30 p.m., officers from the Stanislaus County Auto Theft Task Force (StanCATT) received a tip that two jet skis and a 1937 Dodge pick-up truck were located in the backyard of Mason's residence in the area of Bystrum Road and Sonora Avenue in Modesto. The vehicles were stolen the day before from the driveway of a home in Modesto. Since Mason is on parole, the officers conducted a parole search and discovered the vehicles in the backyard.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable John Whiteside sentenced Mason 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.

IF YOU OBSERVE A THEFT IN PROGRESS, DIAL 911

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