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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

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Re: Jerry Loyd Mulford, Jr.
Auto Thief Sentenced to
16 Months in Prison

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Jerry Loyd Mulford, Jr, age 27, of Lathrop, was convicted on June 1, 2010 of auto theft and evading a peace officer. Mulford is currently on felony probation for auto theft stemming from a July 2009 conviction out of San Joaquin County. Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey W. Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

On April 6, 2010 at approximately 11:00 a.m. on northbound Highway 99 past the Kansas Avenue exit in Modesto, an officer from the Stanislaus County Auto-Theft Task Force (StanCATT) observed Mulford driving a 1994 white Saturn sedan that had been reported stolen the day before in Modesto. When the officer activated his red lights and siren to initiate a traffic stop, Mulford accelerated away in excess of 100+ m.p.h. until he exited at the Jack Tone Road off ramp. Mulford then drove in the opposite lanes of travel and failed to stop at traffic signals until he lost control of the vehicle and spun out. After his arrest, Mulford stated that he stole the car because his friend offered him \$80 to take the vehicle to a chop shop. The officer also observed that Mulford had several shaved keys in his possession.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable Marie Silveira sentenced Mulford to sixteen months 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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