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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

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Re: Jeffrey Lee Richmond
Auto Thief Sentenced
to 3 Years and 8 Months Prison

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Jeffrey Lee Richmond, age 32, of Ceres, was convicted on September 14, 2010 of auto theft and possession of methamphetamine. Richmond also admitted a prior auto theft conviction from July 2000. Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey W. Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

On September 6, 2010 at around 3:20 a.m., at the intersection of Moffett Road and Caswell Avenue in Ceres, an officer observed Richmond driving a 1998 white Subaru Legacy. As Richmond came to a stop, he glanced over at the officer and then stalled the car. Richmond tried to restart the car several times but could not. When the officer asked Richmond if he needed any help, Richmond stated he needed assistance starting his car. The officer then advised dispatch of the incident and advised them of the vehicle's license plate. As the officer was walking towards Richmond's vehicle, dispatch notified the officer that the vehicle had been reported stolen out of Modesto on September 1, 2010. When the officer reached the vehicle, he observed that the ignition was heavily damaged and required a screwdriver to start it. After arresting Richmond, the officer found a plastic baggie inside his pants pocket that contained methamphetamine. Although Richmond stated the methamphetamine was his, he claimed the car belonged to his friend but had no contact information for this friend.

The Honorable Timothy Salter sentenced Richmond to three years and eight 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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