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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Anthony Ralph Sistare aka Bergstrom   Phone: (209) 525-5550

          Auto Thief Sentenced to 3 Years Prison

Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Anthony Ralph Sistare, aka Bergstrom, age 40, of Modesto, was convicted on April 22, 2010 of auto theft and admitted having a prior auto theft conviction from June 2008 out of Alameda County for which he was on parole. Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey W. Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

On July 2, 2009 during the early morning hours in Patterson, Sistare stole his roommate's 1995 tan Suzuki Sidekick SUV while the roommate was asleep. On July 8, 2009 at approximately 9:15 a.m. in Hayward, an officer observed the vehicle being driven. After making an enforcement stop, the officer observed that there were four people inside the vehicle with Sistare seated in the rear passenger seat. Sistare stated that he took his roommate's car because it was his birthday and he wanted to visit a friend in Hayward. While there, he stated that he relapsed and began using drugs again. Sistare then stated that he decided to keep the vehicle but that he didn't think the registered owner would report the vehicle as stolen since the victim knew that he was on parole.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable Marie Silveira sentenced Sistare to three 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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