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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

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Re: Dale Odis Turnquist
Auto Thief Sentenced to
16 Months in Prison

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Dale Odis Turnquist, age 29, of Modesto, was convicted on March 10, 2010 of possession of a stolen vehicle. Turnquist had previously been convicted of possession of methamphetamine. Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey W. Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

On September 2, 2009 at around 8:30 a.m., in the area of 7th street and Blankenburg in Modesto, an officer from the Stanislaus County Auto Theft Task Force (StanCATT) observed Turnquist in a domestic dispute with a female. Turnquist was seated in the driver's seat of a stopped 2006 black Chevy Equinox and the female was standing outside the driver's side door. When the officer ran the license plate, the vehicle came back as having been reported stolen out of Spring Valley, California, on August 27, 2009. The registered owner initially thought that her vehicle was repossessed since she had been behind on her payments, but then discovered that her vehicle had been stolen. When officers contacted Turnquist, he stated that he had borrowed it from a friend but had no contact information for this friend.

The Honorable John Whiteside sentenced Turnquist 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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