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Date: September 23, 2010 Re: People v. Michael Webster Carol Shipley, Assistant District Attorney Phone: (209) 525-5550

Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Michael Webster, age 44, of Modesto, was convicted of vehicle theft, evading a peace officer and driving while intoxicated. Webster admitted having previously served three prior prison terms and having a prior auto theft conviction.

On July 24, 2010, a Modesto police officer saw Webster driving a stolen vehicle in downtown Modesto. An attempt to stop Webster's vehicle resulted in Webster fleeing officers through the streets near Modesto Junior College. Officers disabled Webster's vehicle by the use of a spike strip that is designed to flatten tires. Webster was apprehended after he ran from his disable vehicle.

Honorable John Freeland sentenced Webster to nine years in state prison.