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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

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Re: David Michael Alves

**Auto Thief Gets  
4 Years Prison**

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that David Michael Alves, age 23, of Turlock, was convicted on April 28, 2011 of auto theft and evading a peace officer. Alves also admitted a prior conviction for auto theft from July 2010 for which he is currently on parole. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

On April 20, 2011 at approximately 2:30 p.m. in the area of Golden State Boulevard and Paulson Road in Turlock, an officer from the Stanislaus County Auto-Theft Task Force (StanCATT) observed Alves driving a 1996 green Toyota 4-Runner that was stolen on April 14, 2011 out of the owner's parking stall at his apartment complex on W. Minnesota Avenue in Turlock. When the officer tried to perform a traffic stop, Alves accelerated away at over 65 m.p.h. in a 35 m.p.h. zone failing to stop at several red traffic signals. Eventually, Alves collided with a pole and was arrested. Alves told the officer that he saw the unlocked SUV with the keys in the vehicle so he decided to take it. Alves then stated that he had "just been released from prison two weeks ago after serving a year and a half for auto theft and didn't want to go back."

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable Thomas Zeff sentenced Alves to four years in 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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