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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

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Re: Kenneth Edward Dale Jr  
Auto Thief Gets  
7 Years Prison

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Kenneth Edward Dale Jr, age 34, of Hilmar, was convicted on July 1, 2011 of possession of a stolen vehicle. Dale also admitted prior auto theft convictions from September 2000 and August 2007, as well as prior prison commitments from February 2001 for possession of forged checks and August 2005 for transportation of methamphetamine. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

On May 16, 2011 at approximately 8:00 a.m., an officer from the Stanislaus County Auto-Theft Task Force (StanCATT) observed Dale in his driveway on 8<sup>th</sup> Street in Keyes working on a stolen 1985 blue Chevy El Camino. On April 22, 2011, the owner had run out of gas, parked his car on the side of the road and walked to the nearest gas station. When the owner returned a short time later, his car was gone. The owner then reported his vehicle as stolen.

When the officer contacted Dale, Dale stated that his friend drove the vehicle to his residence and paid him \$50 to install a stereo and speakers into the car. Dale also stated he never drove the car but had the original car key only to assist with the stereo installation. However, Dale had no address or contact information for his friend. The officer also observed that the license plates had been switched with another vehicle.

The Honorable Scott Steffen sentenced Dale to seven 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.

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