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**Auto Thief Gets
9 Years State Prison**

Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Michael Robert Jobe, age 42, of Modesto, was convicted on February 9, 2012 of eight counts of auto theft and one count of evading a peace officer. Jobe also admitted prior auto theft convictions from January 1993 and May 2005. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

On April 18, 2011 at approximately 12:30 a.m. in Ceres, an officer attempted to perform a routine traffic stop on a grey Chevrolet pick-up truck that was being driven by Jobe. Jobe accelerated to over 100 mph in a 25 mph residential zone, ignored several stop signs, and failed to yield to solid red traffic signals. During the pursuit, Jobe drove onto the Union Pacific railroad tracks and almost hit a Union Pacific railroad employee. Eventually, Jobe stopped the vehicle, jumped out, and ran away. The vehicle was registered to Jobe, and he had left his cell phone and wallet inside his truck.

At approximately 4:00 a.m., officers from the Stanislaus County Auto Theft Task Force (StanCATT) served a search warrant at Jobe's residence in the area of Wizard Lane in Ceres. During the search, officers located a 2002 white Pace trailer that had been reported stolen out of Merced on April 8, 2011; a 2007 black Dargo flatbed trailer that had been reported stolen out of Turlock on April 5, 2011; a 1996 green Honda Accord that had been reported stolen out of Modesto on April 17, 2011; a 2003 white HH carrier trailer that was reported stolen out of Turlock on April 5, 2011; a 2002 white Pace cargo trailer that had been reported stolen out of Modesto on February 2, 2011; a 2005 black Harley Davidson Dyna Low-rider motorcycle that was reported stolen out of Escalon on April 10, 2011; a 2000 white Haulmark cargo trailer that was reported stolen out of Turlock on April 10, 2011; and a 2005 red Honda CRF100 motorcycle that was reported stolen out of Turlock on April 10, 2011.

An arrest warrant was then obtained and Jobe was arrested two days later.

Upon entry of the guilty plea, Judge Scott Steffen sentenced Jobe to nine years in state prison.