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## PRESS RELEASE

### For Immediate Release

Date: July 23, 2020  
Re: Christopher Dean Simmons  
“Chop Shop” conviction and prison sentence

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Modesto, California- Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Christopher Dean Simmons, age 46, of Modesto, has been sentenced to serve six years in state prison for operating a “chop shop.” Deputy District Attorney Kirk Brennan handled the case on behalf of the People.

On April 5, 2018, officers with StanCATT (Stanislaus County Auto Theft Taskforce) searched a property on Beverly Drive in Modesto where Simmons was operating a chop shop and found two stolen vehicles in various stages of being dismantled. Simmons had previously sold the frame from one of the vehicles to one of the victims who went to CHP after growing suspicious.

Simmons was arrested and charged with operating a “chop shop” and receiving a stolen vehicle. On September 10, 2019, a Stanislaus County Superior Court jury convicted Simmons of both felony crimes.

On October 2, 2019, Judge Scott Steffen found that Simmons had previously been convicted of a serious felony which, pursuant to California’s “Three Strikes” law, was used to double his sentence. Judge Steffen also found that Simmons had previously served three prior prison commitments which, due to recent changes in the law, were not used to increase the sentence. Simmons has a lengthy criminal history spanning over two decades. At a sentencing hearing on July 16, 2020, the judge sentenced Simmons to serve a total of six years in state prison.

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