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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

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Re: Mathew Erving Aure

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Auto Thief Sentenced to 2 years Prison

Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Mathew Erving Aure, age 20, of Modesto, was convicted of auto theft and admitted a prior auto theft conviction for which he served a term of imprisonment and for which he is currently on parole. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events which occurred on January 18, 2009 in the Airport District of Modesto when the defendant was driving a 2004 white Chevy Cavalier which had been reported stolen three days earlier on January 15, 2009. Aure claimed that a friend gave the car to him but that he didn't know where his friend was located or how he was to return the car to him.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable John Freeland sentenced Aure to two 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.

IF YOU OBSERVE A THEFT IN PROGRESS, DIAL 911

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