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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

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Re: Thomas Patrick Day

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Auto Thief Sentenced to 3 Years State Prison

**Modesto, California** Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Thomas Patrick Day, age 28, of Modesto, was convicted of possession of a stolen vehicle. Day also admitted a prior prison commitment stemming from a June 2006 conviction for auto theft for which he is currently on parole. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

On March 14, 2009 at approximately 9:00 a.m., the victim noticed that his 1991 black Acura Integra had been stolen from the front of his house in Modesto.

Three days later on March 17, 2009, at approximately 8:00 a.m. in the area of Orange Street in Modesto, officers from the Stanislaus County Auto-Theft Task Force (STANCATT) observed Day driving the vehicle. After performing a vehicle stop, the officers observed that Day had two duffel bags full of clothing in the stolen vehicle and a shaved key in the ignition.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable Thomas Zeff sentenced Day to three 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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