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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

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Re: Keith Clint Phillips

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Auto Thief Sentenced to 2 Years in State Prison

Modesto, California Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Keith Clint Phillips, age 36, of Modesto, was convicted of possession of a stolen vehicle and admitted a violation of probation stemming from a March 2002 felony conviction for domestic violence. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events that occurred on April 3, 2003 at approximately midnight on Tioga Drive in Modesto when officers of the Stanislaus County Auto Theft Task Force (STANCATT) observed Phillips driving a 1994 gold Saturn SL that was reported stolen the day before out of Modesto. After the defendant was released on bail in 2003, he failed to appear in court and a bench warrant was issued for his arrest. In May 2009, Phillips was arrested on the outstanding warrant in South Carolina and extradited back to Stanislaus County.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable John Whiteside sentenced Phillips 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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