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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

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Re: Allen Lee Wade Jr

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Auto Thief Sentenced to 2 Years Prison

Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Allen Lee Wade Jr, age 30, of Modesto, was convicted of auto theft. The defendant also admitted a prior auto theft conviction from May 2008 for which he was already on probation. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events that occurred on August 19, 2009 at approximately 3 a.m. in the area of Avon Street and River Road in Modesto. Wade was driving a 1991 blue Nissan Sentra without any headlights on. After conducting a traffic stop, the officer discovered that Wade's driver's license was suspended. The officer then observed that a shaved key had been used to start the car. The officer called the registered owner who said his car was last parked in his driveway and that no one had permission to drive it. Wade stated he needed a ride home after partying and decided to steal a car because he was tired of walking.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable Thomas Zeff sentenced Wade 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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