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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Matthew Allen Ratliff
Auto Thief Gets 16 Months Prison

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Modesto, California - Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager was pleased to announce today that Matthew Allen Ratliff, age 28, of Ceres, was convicted of Auto Theft on January 4, 2010. Deputy District Attorney Michael D. Houston prosecuted the case for the People.

On November 13, 2009 in Modesto, Ratliff was in the process of the buying a 1995 Nissan Sentra from the registered owner for \$3000 when Ratliff took off with the car and never returned it.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable John D. Freeland sentenced defendant to 16 months in state prison.

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