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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

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Re: Randy Harlin Lee  
Auto Thief Sentenced to 3 Years Prison

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Randy Harlin Lee, age 39, of Turlock, was convicted on September 13, 2010 of possession of a stolen vehicle. Lee is currently on probation for possession of drug paraphernalia stemming from an August 2007 conviction. Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey W. Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

On June 17, 2009 at approximately 8:00 a.m. in the area of Crowslanding Road and Carpenter Road near the San Joaquin River, officers from the Stanislaus County Auto Theft Task Force (StanCATT) observed Lee driving a 1998 Honda Foreman ATV that had been reported stolen out of Patterson on June 14, 2009, and Lee's friend driving a 2002 white Yamaha ATV that had been reported stolen the day before out of Turlock. Lee claimed that he found the ATV and was in the process of hiding it so that his older brother would not steal the ATV from him.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable Nancy Ashley sentenced Lee to three years in state prison. Lee's friend had previously been sentenced 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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