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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Bobbie Dean Black  
Auto Thief Gets  
3 Years Prison

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**Modesto, California** – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Bobbie Dean Black, age 26, of Modesto, was convicted on August 31, 2011 of auto theft, evading a peace officer, possession of methamphetamine and driving under the influence. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

On February 23, 2009 at approximately 1:00 a.m. in the area of Third Street and Magnolia Street in Ceres, an officer observed Black driving a 1991 black Honda Accord that was reported stolen just hours before in Modesto; the owner had left her car in the parking lot of a bar at 6<sup>th</sup> Street and I Street in Modesto while she went to work. The officer tried to perform a routine traffic stop and Black accelerated away at over 90 m.p.h. in a 45 m.p.h. zone, ignoring a stop sign and a red traffic light at two intersections. Eventually, Black lost control and collided with a cement barrier on River Road which caused the car to flip several times. Black was found to be in possession of methamphetamine and also displayed symptoms of being under the influence of a stimulant.

Judge Scott Steffen sentenced Black 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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