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PRESS RELEASE

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**Carjacker Gets
3 Years Prison**

Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Michael Donald Lomauhie, age 23, of Turlock, was convicted on April 21, 2011 of carjacking and resisting arrest. Lomauhie had previously been convicted of auto theft in 2009 and possession of stolen property in 2010 for which he was on probation. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

On April 3, 2011, the victim, an acquaintance of Lomauhie, used methamphetamine with Lomauhie's female friend at her house. Lomauhie discovered that the two had used drugs and got upset because he hadn't been invited over. Lomauhie went to his friend's house and forcibly took the victim's 2005 white Nissan Frontier truck after hitting the victim and taking the keys to his truck. The victim then reported that Lomauhie stole his truck. During the investigation, a witness informed the police that Lomauhie was trying to sell the truck. On April 6, 2011, an officer located Lomauhie next to the truck in the area of McHenry Avenue in Modesto. When he saw the officer, Lomauhie ran but was caught a short distance away.

The Honorable Scott Steffen sentenced Lomauhie 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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