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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Joshua Cory Shackelford

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**Auto Thief Gets  
6 Years Prison**

Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Joshua Cory Shackelford, age 34, of Modesto, was convicted on April 6, 2011 of auto theft. Shackelford also admitted a “strike prior” for a robbery conviction from December 1999. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

On May 17, 2010 at approximately 11:30 a.m., an officer from the Stanislaus County Auto-Theft Task Force (StanCATT) received a tip that a stolen 1992 blue Nisan Sentra was located in the backyard of a house on Garden Avenue in Modesto. The officer then discovered that Shackelford, a parolee, lived at the house. A search revealed that the stolen Sentra was in the backyard. The vehicle had been stolen from the owner’s driveway on Alturas Avenue in Modesto during the early morning hours of May 13, 2010. Shackelford claimed that he didn’t know the vehicle was stolen and that a friend brought it over, but he had no contact information for this friend. The officer then observed a siphoning hose from the vehicle’s gas tank to a plastic five-gallon water bottle which was half-full of gas.

The Honorable Thomas Zeff sentenced Shackelford to six 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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