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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

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Auto Thief Sentenced to 2 Years and 8

Months in Prison

Modesto, California Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Ryan Joseph Lockman, age 24, of Modesto, was convicted of auto theft and resisting arrest. Lockman is currently on felony probation as a result of a conviction for commercial burglary in December 2008. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

The case arose out of events that occurred on May 26, 2009 at around 1:30 p.m. in the area of Roselle Avenue in Modesto. Lockman was observed parking a 2001 green Honda CRV that had been reported stolen out of Modesto on May 23, 2009. When officers tried to approach Lockman outside the vehicle, Lockman ran away despite officers' commands to stop. Lockman was apprehended a short distance away. Lockman claimed he borrowed the vehicle from a friend but had no contact information for her.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable John Whiteside sentenced Lockman to two years and eight months 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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