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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

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Re: Charlotte Marie Janis
Auto Thief Sentenced to
Two Years, Eight Months Prison

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Charlotte Marie Janis, age 39, of Ceres, was convicted on September 8, 2010 of auto theft and evading a peace officer. Janis is currently on parole stemming from a felony theft conviction from July 2009. Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey W. Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

On July 1, 2010 at around 1:00 p.m. in the area by Central Valley High School in Ceres, Janis was observed by an officer from the Stanislaus County Auto-Theft Task Force (StanCATT) driving a 1995 black Honda Accord that had been reported stolen earlier that day out of Turlock. When the officer initiated his lights and siren to perform a routine traffic stop, Janis accelerated away at over 100 m.p.h. in a 25 m.p.h. residential neighborhood, and failed to stop at a stop sign. Janis stopped the car and jumped out, but was caught a short distance away.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable Nancy Ashley sentenced Janis 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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