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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

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Re: Michael Wayne Fuson
Auto Thief Gets 3 Years Prison

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Michael Wayne Fuson, age 31, of Modesto, was convicted on November 15, 2010 of auto

theft. Fuson also admitted having served a prior prison term for grand theft in September 2007. Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey W. Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

On November 4, 2010 at approximately 10:00 p.m. in the area of Bystrum Road and River Road in Ceres, an officer observed Fuson driving a 1997 silver Honda Civic that had been reported stolen from the owner's driveway in Ceres on October 31, 2010. After performing a traffic stop, the officer observed that the ignition was damaged. Fuson then claimed that he didn't know the car was stolen and that he just bought the car but had no contact information for the seller.

The Honorable Nancy Ashley sentenced Fuson 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.

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