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## PRESS RELEASE

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| Date:                 | February 8, 2010   | Assistant District Attorney |                |
| Re:                   | Jeremiah Kenneth Hindman, Sr<br>Auto Thief Sentenced<br>To 3 Years | Phone:                      | (209) 525-5550 |

Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Jeremiah Kenneth Hindman Sr, age 30, of Modesto, was convicted of auto theft and admitted having a prior auto theft conviction from August 2007 for which he was on parole. Deputy District Attorney Jeff Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

On January 24, 2010 at approximately 10:00 p.m., in the area of Latimer Avenue and Anthony Avenue in Modesto, an officer observed Hindman driving a 1996 red Volkswagen Jetta that had been reported stolen on January 11, 2010. On that date, Hindman traded a stolen1998 Jeep Grand Cherokee to a friend for the Jetta. Hindman's friend discovered that the Cherokee was stolen when she tried to register the vehicle with the DMV.

Upon entry of the plea, the Honorable Scott Steffen sentenced Hindman to three years at the California Rehabilitation Center.

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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