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PRESS RELEASE

For immediate release

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Re: Timothy Randolph Moreland, Jr  
Auto Thief Gets  
4 Years

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Timothy Randolph Moreland Jr, age 20, of Patterson, was convicted on October 27, 2010 of possession of a stolen vehicle. Moreland also admitted a “strike” prior under California’s “Three Strikes” law based on a July 2008 conviction for residential burglary. Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey W. Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

On April 20, 2010 at approximately 4:00 p.m. in the area of Carpenter Road and Kansas Avenue in Modesto, Moreland was driving a 1996 gold Honda Accord that was stolen the day before during a residential burglary in Modesto. When an officer from the Stanislaus County Auto-Theft Task Force (StanCATT) tried to perform a traffic stop, Moreland jumped out of the car and ran but was caught a short distance away hiding in a backyard. Moreland claimed that he bought the car for \$20 from his friend, and that he knew the car was “hot” but was planning on dumping the vehicle when he was done using it that night.

The Honorable Timothy Salter sentenced Moreland to four years in state prison.

Stanislaus County residents can report suspected auto 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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