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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Xyeem Yang
Auto Thief Gets
2 Years Prison

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Modesto, California – Stanislaus County District Attorney Birgit Fladager announced today that Xyeem Yang, age 20, of Modesto, was convicted on October 5, 2010 of auto theft. Yang also admitted a prior auto theft conviction from July 2010 for which he was on probation. Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey W. Mangar prosecuted the case for the People.

On August 30, 2010 at approximately 3:30 p.m. in the Sangharam Monastery parking lot located on Sonora Avenue in Ceres, an officer from the Stanislaus County Auto-Theft Task Force (StanCATT) observed Yang underneath the hood of the engine compartment of a 1991 white Honda Civic. The vehicle had just been reported stolen out of Modesto. The monks at the monastery indicated that they did not know Yang. After the officer confronted Yang about the stolen vehicle, Yang admitted to stealing the car using a shaved key in order to remove the catalytic converter to sell it for \$80.

The Honorable Nancy Ashley sentenced Yang to two 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.

IF YOU OBSERVE A THEFT IN PROGRESS, DIAL 911

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